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At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 17th of 6th month 1863 present 16 members.

The clerk of this meeting being absent Ethan Foster is appointed to serve as clerk at this time.

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting viz.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th month 1863 to the 17th of the same inclusive — Fourth day of the week and 17th of the month

The Committee appointed this morning to consider of and propose the names of suitable Friends to compose a meeting for Sufferings have presented the following names.— Ethan Foster Thomas K. Wilbur, William Hill, Francis Taber John T. Kenyon Valentine Meader Amos C. Wilbur, Charles Perry Ethan Foster, Jesse Tucker, Isaac P. Wilbur Harvey Chace, George M. Eddy Thomas Perry Samuel Sheffield John W. Foster, Jeremiah Foster and Stephen Swift; which being read were approved by the meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year

Extracted from the minutes by
Valentine Meader assistant Clerk

ance the persons therein named are appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the year ensuing.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired, Ethan Foster is appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

It is concluded that our stated meetings be held at the same time and places as heretofore viz at the third hour in the afternoon of the day preceding that in which Rhode Island Quarterly meeting is held at Newport in the 8th month, at Fall River in the 11th month, and at North Providence in the 2nd month; at the same hour of the day preceding that on which Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is held at New Bedford in the 4th month, and at 3 O'clock in the afternoon of the 7th day on which the select Yearly meeting is held at Newport.

There being no further business we conclude purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport 5th of 8th Month 1863. Present eleven members.

Information having been received by the meeting at this time that a number of our members have been drafted under the late United States conscription law, to serve in the army; their situation has claimed our serious consideration and near sympathy; under which feelings we have concluded to appoint Charles Perry Ethan Foster, George M. Eddy, William Hill, Thomas R. Wilbur, Harvey Clarke and Samuel Sheffield a committee to render from time to time such advice and assistance either by representing the cases of such to the public authorities or otherwise as the circumstances may seem to require and way open for and report to this meeting

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Fall River at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Fall River 4th. of 11th. Month 1863.

Present - twelve members.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of our members who may be subjected to suffering on account of the existing war, as per minute of our last meeting made the following Report, which is accepted as satisfactory and directed to be recorded. And in view of the continuance of the war, and of the prospect of still further suffering on that account the committee are continued, and requested to extend further labor in the line of their appointment as way opens.

To the Meeting for Sufferings.

The committee appointed in the 8th. Month last to render advice and assistance to those of our members who were drafted under the late United States conscription law as circumstances might require and way open for;

Report as follows

That from the commencement of the grievous civil war which now for more than two and a half years has been waged between the northern and southern sections of our country, it has been reasonably expected that a faithful

maintenance of our well known christian testimony against war might bring upon Friends much suffering. This testimony founded upon the clear and explicit commands of our Divine Master has ever constituted one of the peculiarities of our religious society. Whatever may be the object proposed to be gained, we cannot take up the deadly weapon against our brother man. And however these bloody contests may be, and sometimes no doubt are permitted by the Almighty for the punishment of the guilty nations of the earth for their sins and oppressions - or however they may by Him be overruled for the removal of gigantic evils, yet we can take no part in them, and remain quitted before Him.

The conscription law referred to in the minute of our appointment, passed by Congress near the close of its last session contained no provision exempting conscientious persons from its operation, though an amendment to that effect was proposed and ably advocated by a member of the Senate. So that when a draft was ordered under that law Friends as well as others became subject to it; and many in different parts of the country were drafted: among the rest seven members of our Yearly Meeting

In order for a proper and full understanding of the matter under consideration it seems needful to

give some account of the travel of this concern from the beginning; including the labors of two members of the committee prior to their appointment. It will be remembered that the subject was introduced in the Meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford in the 4th month last, when a concern was felt and expressed that a committee might be appointed, whose duty it should be to endeavor to encourage and sustain our young men who might be drafted, though at that time no draft had been made; and to intercede with the authorities on their behalf if way opened therefor; but those who afterwards at the Yearly Meeting withdrew from as minor objections and stood in the way so that nothing was done further than to recommend parents and concerned Friends to encourage their children and all liable to be drafted to be firm in the maintenance of our peaceable principles.

At our meeting in the 6th month at Newport, another effort was made to have a committee appointed but without effect; the proposal being resisted by the same class as before; who thus as we believe by again sorrowfully giving way to partisan feelings turned from judgment away backward. The draft occurred soon after; and the need of a committee such as had been proposed, was painfully felt.

As the case was one which admitted of no delay

two friends who were afterwards appointed on this committee felt constrained to move in the matter on their own responsibility. Of the seven members of our yearly Meeting who were drafted, five were exempted on account of physical disability, one giving way to weakness paid the commutation, and one was held for service.

In attending to the case of this one, three other persons in like circumstances fell under their care, two of whom were members of the Yearly meeting and one not a member among friends but having conscientious scruples against bearing arms.

Besides several interviews on their behalf with the Distrct Provost Marshall and with the Governor of Rhode Island, the two friends referred to went to Washington near the close of the 7th month, and had interviews with the President of the United States, the Secretary of War and Provost Marshall General, by all of whom they were received and treated with respect and kindness, though on account of the positive nature of the law, and the excitement consequent on the draft, no specific relief was then obtained, yet they felt that a favorable impression was made on the minds both of the President and the other officers consulted.

During these interviews they learned that five friends from North Carolina had been forced into the rebel army and that they were taken prisoners after the battle of

Gettysburg Pa. and on application of Friends in Philadelphia soon afterwards released. Not being able then to learn the particulars of this case in which they felt a deep interest, they stopped in Philadelphia on their return when at the house of a friend who had been to Washington on their behalf, they found these five friends and had an interesting interview with them. Four of them had been in the army about nine months, and one between three and four months. They all uniformly refused to carry arms or to perform any other camp or military duty, though they assisted in taking care of the sick and wounded so far as this could be done without relieving another man to go and fight. It appeared that the four had been treated with comparative kindness, being in charge of a humane officer. But the one had undergone much suffering, having had a musket strapped to his body, and being ordered to march with it on refusing to do so, the commanding officer ordered four men to shoot him, and they were drawn up to do it, but seeing his constancy and faithfulness to principle, they said they could not. The ex-asperated officer now knocked him down and rode his horse over him; then turning to him, still threatened to compel him to fight or to kill him. Soon after this the battle of Gettysburg occurred at which this officer was killed. Our two friends left these faithful

sufferers with strength greatly increased by the recital of their unflinching adherence to manifested duty under trials so severe, and in view of their signal deliverance; an account of which was afterwards several times related to Government officials before whom they appeared, on behalf of our conscript friends with marked effect.

Soon after the return of our friends from Washington this committee was appointed, whose duty it now became to attend to the cases of the young men who had been drafted and held to serve as soldiers, for they felt it a duty to aid and assist so far as in them lay all those who had fallen under the care of the two friends before mentioned, without regard to whether they were in membership with us or not, so long as they faithfully maintained our religious principles in regard to war and were ready to suffer if needful on their behalf. The first step, and a most important one appeared to be to take care that they were not sent into camp or to the army, where they would be required to take part in military operations and be subjected to punishment for refusal. As they could only be sent into camp under the law by repeating themselves for service we viewed it as a false step for them to do so, although the Provost Marshall of the district was very anxious as a favor to them, (being kindly disposed towards them) that they should go into camp at New Haven

thinking they would fare better than to go as desired to Governors Island; where as he said the worst characters were sent; and where they would be likely to find no mercy. After a hard struggle against our judgment and his own humane feelings, the Marshall sent them to Governors Island in New York harbor. and three of the committee went with them, We there found entirely contrary to the Marshalls expectation that the officers were ready to appreciate the scruples of the young men, and not only disposed to render their situation as comfortable as they could, but Gen. Canby who had command, was willing to represent the case in such light as we desired to the Secretary of War for his decision thereon; and in the mean time direct that they should be retained on the Island without other restraint than their word not to leave, until the case should be decided; and that no duties should be required of them inconsistent with the principles of our society. He also promised to inform us of the decision of the Secretary of War when received. Thus a strict adherence to principle without wavering proved not only the right course, but was also attended with the least suffering, as has been fully shown by the cases of two young men from Massachusetts, and three from Vermont who went into camp and were sent to the army and subjected to

tution as we have since learned, by those in authority over them, though we are glad to be able to say that the Secretary of War expressed his disapprobation of this barbarity when it was brought to his knowledge; and that he so far relieved the sufferers as to assign them to hospital duty at Washington; where at our last advices they still remained. It was soon arranged for our young men to employ their time in taking care of the sick and wounded in the hospital on Governors Island relieving none to serve elsewhere, but only assisting some of the convalescent on whom this duty had devolved. After they had remained on the Island more than two weeks, no word having been received from Gen. Canby, two of the committee visited them in order to do whatever they might to encourage and strengthen their faith, or to promote their release. For it was not known but they might be subjected to Court Martial and condemned to punishment, which the President might on a proper representation relieve them from, or whether they might not be kept there or elsewhere, during the continuance of the war; so that although they had not been subjected to great severity but had so far met with unexpected kindness, yet their prospect in the future was trying and uncertain. But before the committee left an order came from the Secretary of War releasing them, and allowing them to return to their homes, requiring only that they should sign a paper

agreeing to appear when called for, it being understood by us that this requirement was but a form, not expected to be enforced, they were never required or even asked to put on the military uniform, and it is a satisfaction to be able to say that at no time was there any appearance of faltering or flinching from a faithful maintenance of the good ground they had taken on the part of the young men

In addition to the trials arising from the Government conscription law, Friends have also been brought under the operation of the State militia law of Rhode Island, by which they are enrolled and made subject with others to military drill. But the Governor to whom the whole matter of calling out the militia was confided by the legislature has evinced a very kind feeling towards Friends and others conscientiously opposed to bearing arms; having at the request of a member of the committee relieved many such from the drill, or the payment of a fine in lieu thereof; and in one instance promptly released a young man who had been committed to jail for the non payment of a fine — and when particular cases have been overlooked, has immediately administered the relief desired.

On a review of their labors, the committee can but acknowledge that every ~~has~~ been made for them by Infinite goodness to their humbling

admiration — that with a single exception the government officers with whom they have conferred, from the President down have listened to them patiently and respectfully, and treated them with kindness; evincing a disposition so far as they could, to aid in relieving our suffering brethren. But it has been sorrowfully apparent that among the various bodies claiming the name of Friends this testimony like most other originally held by the society is in great danger of being abandoned and lost. From what we can learn there are comparatively few who are prepared to maintain it at the cost of reproach and suffering.

It was a frequent remark of the government Officials "You people are not generally taking your grounds they are paying the commutation" a remark which is, alas! too true; and this makes it doubly trying to the few solitary ones who feel that they cannot abandon their peaceable principles and stain their hands with the blood of their fellow men, be the consequent suffering what it may.

We feel that it is not easy to overestimate the value of the sacrifices of those few who are faithful amid the general declension and abandonment of this vital testimony. They will be as waymarks to those coming after, helping to guide their feet in the path of peace, and it may be opening the

way for reformation and the fulfillment of the prophetic declaration that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more."

Signed on behalf of the committee by

Charles Perry

Westerly R. I. 11. Mo. 2nd 1863.

The subject of the ownership and occupancy of the meeting house at Fall River, and the existing confused and unsatisfactory state of things relative thereto being brought before the meeting it is concluded to appoint William Hill, George H. Eddy, Jesse Tucker and Valentine Meader a committee to enquire into the circumstances of the case, do what they can properly to effect a settlement, and report to our next meeting.

No further business being presented at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 2nd month next

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 3rd of 2nd month 1864

Present nine members. —

The committee appointed at our last meeting on the subject of the ownership and occupancy of the meeting house at Fall River report that they have paid attention to the case but not being prepared to make a full report they are continued and desired to report to a future meeting.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude proposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Elihu Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford, the 6th of 4th month, 1864

Present ten members.

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent, Valentine Meader was appointed to serve in that capacity for this time.

The following Report of the Committee appointed in the Eleventh Month last, relative to the ownership and occupancy of the Meeting-house at Fall River has been received and read at this time, namely

To the Meeting for Sufferings

The Committee appointed in the 11th month last, to enquire into the circumstances relative to the ownership and occupancy of the Meeting house at Fall River, and do what they could properly to effect a settlement of the unsatisfactory state of affairs relative thereto, Report,

That immediately after their appointment they sought and obtained an interview with Israel Buffinton who claims to be in possession of the house and premises, for himself and Orange Monthly Meeting of which he alleges he is Clerk. He refused to recognize us as a Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings, and denied that there was any occasion for our interference in the matter.

The interview was wholly unsatisfactory, and the Committee were therefore unable to do anything in the way of effecting a settlement, which we submit for the consideration of the Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

William Hill

New Bedford 4th month 6th 1864.

which is accepted; and the subject still resting with weight upon the minds of Friends, it has seemed best to continue the Committee under appointment, and they are desired to give such further attention thereto as may may open for in order to further the object of their appointment and report to a future sitting.

We appoint Thomas K. Wilbur, John T. Kenyon, William Hill, George McEddy, Harvey Chase, and Jesse Tucker, a committee to make suitable provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting. They are authorised to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expenses incurred on that account, and requested to see that no friend be embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense. And in view of the present condition of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting it has not been thought best at this time to request the aid of that meeting as has been

practice heretofore.

Having no further business at this time, we conclude, intending to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Valentine Meader, Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6th Mo. 15th 1864 present fifteen members

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of 6th month to the 15th of the same inclusive 1864. — 3rd day of the week & 14th of the month

The committee appointed at our last sitting, to propose the names of suitable friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings presented the following report namely

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee appointed to propose the names of friends to constitute a meeting for Sufferings present the following. Othniel Foster Thomas R. Wilbur, William Hill Francis Taber John T. Kingon Valentine Meader Amos C. Wilbur Charles Perry Ethan Foster Jesse Tucker Isaac P. Wilbur Harvey Chace George M. Eddy Thomas Perry Samuel Sheffield John W. Foster Jeremiah Foster and Stephen Swift

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Ethan Foster is appointed to serve as clerk for the year ensuing

It is concluded that our Stated meetings be held at the same times and places as heretofore except that in the 8th month which is to be held at North Providence instead of Newport.

There being no further business we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 5th of 8th month 1864 present eleven members.—

No business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Fall River at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Fall River 2nd of 11th month 1864

Present ten members.—

There being no business presented at this time we concluded, purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 2nd month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 1st of 2nd month 1865

Present nine members.

The committee appointed in the 11th month 1863 and since continued in relation to the ownership and occupancy of the Meeting house at Fall River, report,— that they have recently paid some further attention to the subject, and that the prospect of effecting a settlement looks more favorable than heretofore— they are therefore continued and requested to endeavor to bring the matter to a settlement as soon as can consistently be done and then make a final report.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the fourth month next.

Ethan Feller Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 5th of 4th Mo 1865.

The Clerk being absent Harvey Chace was appointed to serve in that capacity for this time.

Present eight Members.

The committee in the case of Fall River Meeting House property made a verbal report of proceedings - and a application being made to this Meeting by Trustees of that real estate for its advice assistance and direction in relation to a sale of it, - They believing it is for the interest of all concerned in said real estate that it should be sold.

The subject was duly considered and said Trustees are authorized to sell and convey said property in and with the advice assistance and direction of William Hill George M. Eddy, Jesse Tucker & Valentine Mason

the committee appointed by this Meeting in 11th Mo. 1863 to extend such care in relation to that case as circumstances may require.

The situation of the Meeting House lot and property in Newport belonging to Friends claiming the attention of the Meeting, — it is concluded to refer that subject also, to the above named Committee to enquire into the circumstances of the case and do what they properly can to secure Friends in their rights and report to a future Meeting.

We appoint Thomas K. Wilbur John T. Kenyon William Hill George N. Eddy Harvey Chace and Jesse Tucker a committee to make suitable provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting. They are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expenses incurred on that account and requested to see that no friend be embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense.

No further business being presented at this time, — It is concluded to adjourn to meet at Westerly on fourth day the third of 5th Mo. next at 7 — o'clock in the evening. Harvey Chace Clerk for the day

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly by adjournment 3rd of 5th month 1868 present Ten members.

The Committee to whom was referred at our last meeting the subject of the occupancy and final disposition by sale or otherwise of the meeting house and lot at Fall River, and also of those at Newport, report that nothing has since been done, in regard to the former but that some attention has been paid to the latter; by which the committee are encouraged to hope that an amicable and satisfactory settlement will finally be consummated – It is therefore concluded to leave the subject in the hands of the committee, who are requested to continue their labors with a view to this result as may opens and report to a future meeting.

~~During our deliberations on the subject of a right disposition of the meeting house and lot at Newport, the minds of Friends were introduced into a consideration of the propriety of continuing to hold the Yearly Meeting at that place; which resulted in a conclusion to ask the Yearly Meeting to take the subject into serious consideration.~~

During our deliberations on the subject of a right disposition of the meeting house and lot at Newport, and in view of the straitened condition of the Society there, and the inconvenience ~~location~~ of the location, the minds of friends were introduced into a consideration of the propriety of continuing to hold the Yearly Meeting at that place; which resulted in a conclusion to ask the Yearly Meeting to take the subject into serious consideration.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Newport 10th of 6th Month 1865

Present ten members

The clerk of this meeting is directed to lay the records thereof before the Yearly Meeting

No business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at this place at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 14th of 6th month 1865

present fourteen members —

We have received the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting. viz.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 12th of 6th. month to the 14th of the same inclusive 1865

Third day of the week and 13th. of the month

The committee appointed at our morning sitting to consider of, and report to this meeting the names of suitable friends to compose a meeting for Sufferings have produced the following report, namely,

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The committee appointed to propose the names of friends to constitute a meeting for sufferings, present the following — Othniel Foster Thomas K. Wilbur, Wm Hill, John T Kenyon Valentine Meader Amos C. Wilbur Charles Perry Ethan Foster Harvey Chace Petatiah Hussey

Jesse Tucker, Isaac P. Wilbur, George M Eddy
Samuel Sheffield, John W. Foster, Stephen Swift
Jeremiah Foster and Thomas Perry.

On behalf of the committee

John Boadle

Newport 6th Mo. 13th. 1865.

which having been read and deliberately considered it approved, and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed to constitute a meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year.

From the minute of the yearly Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Ethan Foster is appointed to serve as clerk for the ensuing year

It is concluded that our stated meetings be held at the same times and places as last year.

No further business being presented we conclude proposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the eighth month next

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at North Providence 2nd of 8th month 1865

Present ten members.

There being no business presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Fall River at the usual time in the 11th month next. —

At a meeting for sufferings held at Fall River first of 11th month 1865

Present ten members. —

No business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 2nd month next.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 31st. of first month 1866
present seven members

There being no business claiming the attention of the meeting at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 4th of 4th month 1866. — present seven members

We appoint Harvey Chace Geo. M. Eddy, Isaac C. Wilbur, John T. Kenyon and Jesse Tucker, a committee to make suitable provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting; and they are authorised to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expenses incurred on this account, and requested to see that no friend be embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Newport 9th of 6th month 1866

Present ten members

The clerk of this meeting is directed to keep the records that set before the yearly meeting

There being no business claiming the attention of the meeting at this time, we conclude, proposing to meet again at this place, at the rise of the yearly meeting

Ellen Potter Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the yearly meeting 13th of 6th month 1866.

Present sixteen members

We have received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the yearly meeting viz.

"At our yearly meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the tenth of 6th month to the 13th of the same inclusive 1866

Third day of the week and 12th of the month

The Committee appointed at our sitting yesterday afternoon to propose the names of suitable Friends to constitute a meeting for Sufferings have at this time presented the following report, namely

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute a meeting for Sufferings present the following — Othniel Foster Thomas H. Wilbur, William Hill John T. Kenyon Valentine Meader Amos C. Wilbur Chas. Terry Ethan Foster Harvey Chace, Petitiah Hussey, Jesse Tucker Isaac T. Wilbur, George M. Eddy Samuel Sheffield, John H. Foster Stephen Swift, Jeremiah Foster and Thomas Terry

On behalf of the committee
Ethan Foster

Newport 6th Month 11th 1866.

which is satisfactory and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the year ensuing

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly meeting
Valentine Meader Clerk

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Ethan Foster is reappointed to serve as clerk thereof for the ensuing year.

It is concluded that our stated meetings be held at the same times and places as last year.

There being no further business presented at this time we conclude; purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 1st of 8th month 1866

Present 11 members

The Trustees of the bequest of our late friend Othniel Tripp, in conjunction with the Committee appointed by the yearly meeting to assist them in regard to the same, having at this time laid the situation of that portion [illegible] loaned to R. [illegible] monthly meeting before the meeting, after a time of deliberation and free exchange of views thereon it is concluded to leave the matter in the hands of said trustees and committee, who are encouraged to proceed with due promptitude to secure the rights of Friends under said bequest.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Fall River at the usual time in the 11th month next

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 6th of 2nd month 1867
present eight members

There appearing no business to claim the attention of the meeting at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 3rd of 4th Mo — 1867.

The Clerk being absent Harvey Chace was appointed Clerk for the day.

Present 9 Members.

The situation of Friends Meeting House in Lynn — being presented at this time, and it appears the condition of it requires attention of this meeting. We appoint Harvey Chace George M. Eddy John T. Kenyon and William Hill a Committee to enquire into the circumstances attending it and report to a future meeting — what in their judgment will be proper for this meeting to do in the case.

We appoint Harvey Chace George M. Eddy John T. Kenyon Jesse Tucker Isaac P. Wilbur and William Hill a committee to make suitable provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting, — and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expences incurred on this account, and requested to see that no friend be embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expence.

No further business being presented at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in 6th month next.

Harvey Chase Clerk for the day

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport 15th of 6th month 1867

Present 12 [illegible]

Received at this time the following communication.—

"To the meeting for Sufferings of the [illegible] Meeting of Friends for New England

Agreeable to the requisitions and obligations contained in two deeds accompanying this, from Job Eddy to Francis Taber and others, Trustees of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, we inform that by the action of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting New Bedford monthly Meeting has been dissolved and the members thereof joined to Dartmouth monthly meeting.

Extracted from the minutes made at a meeting of the aforesaid Trustees held 10th of 6th month 1867

By Isaac P. Wilbur Clerk

Whereupon we appoint George M. Eddy Charles Perry Harvey Chase Wm Hill Samuel Shepherd

and Valentine Meader a committee to investigate the whole matter as thus presented and report to a [illegible] meeting what action it may be proper for this meeting to take in the premises

The clerk is directed to lay the records of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting.

No other business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 19th of 6th month 1867

Present sixteen members —

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired, Ethan Foster is reappointed to serve as clerk thereof for the ensuing year

We have received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 17th of 6th month to the 19th of the same inclusive 1867

Third day of the week and 18th of the month
The committee appointed at our morning sitting to propose the names of suitable friends to compose a meeting for sufferings have presented the following report namely

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting

The committee appointed this morning to select the names of suitable friends to constitute a meeting for sufferings propose the following, Thomas K. Welden William Weill, John T. Kenyon Valentine Meader, Amos C. Welden, Charles Seny, Ethan Foster, Harvey Chace Jesse Tucker, Isaac P. Welden, George M. Eddy, Samuel Sheffield, John W. Foster, Stephen Swift, Jeremiah Foster, Thomas Seny and Wm F. Wood.

Newport 6th month 18. 1867

On behalf of the Committee

Ethan Foster

Which is satisfactory to the meeting and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed to constitute a meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk

It is concluded that our stated meetings for the ensuing year be held as follows, At North Providence

in the 5th and 2nd months, - At Westerly in the 11th and at New Bedford in the 4th month, at three O'clock in the afternoon on the day preceding that on which the Quarterly meetings are held at those places respectively.

The committee to whom was referred at our last meeting the subject of the meeting house property at New Bedford have presented the following report, which is accepted and George H. Eddy, Dana S. Walker and Jesse Tucker are appointed a committee for the purpose suggested in the report, and they are requested to report to our next meeting.

To the meeting for Sufferings

The committee appointed to examine into the condition of certain trusts under which real estate in New Bedford is now held for the use and benefit of Friends, report

That they have examined the records of the trustees, and otherwise obtained such information in relation to the case as was at the time available, and they have unitedly come to the conclusion that a doubt exists as to the legality of the terms of office of a part of those now claiming to be trustees under the provisions of the two deeds; and also in relation to the legal and proper course to be pursued

in order to vest the trust property in the successors of the original trustees in case of a new appointment of one or more friends to fill a vacancy.

We would therefore recommend the appointment of a committee with authority to obtain sound legal advice in relation to these, or any other points pertaining to the subject of Trust Funds or Estates in order that this meeting may act understandingly in these as also in any other similar cases which may hereafter arise.

Newport 6th Mo. 19. 1867

Valentine Meader
on behalf of the Committee

No further business presenting we conclude proposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time preceding the Quarterly meeting next to be held at that place.

At a meeting for sufferings held at North Providence 31st of 5th month 1867

Present eleven members.

The committee to whom was referred at our last meeting the subject of the meeting house property at New Bedford made the following report; and after duly considering the matter and exchanging views thereon

it is concluded to refer it for further consideration and maturity to our next meeting; and the legal opinion therein referred to is directed to be placed on file. (See Report below, which read before the closing minute)

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

"To the Meeting for Sufferings

The undersigned committee appointed to procure competent legal counsel in regard to the trusteeship of Friends Meeting house property at New Bedford and to other trustee titles, have attended to the same and procured the accompanying legal opinion to certain questions both of which we submit to the meeting

Jesse Tucker
George M. Eddy
Isaac T. Wilbur"

New Bedford
7th Mo. 30. 1867

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6th of 11th month 1867 —

present eleven members. —

The committee appointed in the 6th month last in relation to the Meeting house property at

New Bedford report that they have since our last meeting paid some further attention to the subject, but not being ready to make a full report they are continued and requested to report to our next meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 2nd month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 5th of 2nd month 1868

Present nine members

One of the committee to whom was referred the case of the meeting house property at New Bedford report that they have paid some further attention to the subject but are not yet prepared to make a final report, they are therefore continued and requested to report to our next meeting

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 1st of 4th month 1868

present twelve members -

The committee in the case of the meeting house and burial ground belonging to Friends at New Bedford Report, having paid still further attention to the subject but not being yet prepared to make a full report they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting

We appoint George M. Eddy, Isaac P. Wilbur Harvey Chace William Hill Samuel Sheffield, John T. Kenyon and Jesse Tucker a committee to make suitable provision for holding our next Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expenses incurred on this account and are requested to see that no Friends are embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense

No further business being presented we conclude proposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport 13th of 6th month 1868 — Present eight members —

The committee in the case of the meeting house and burial ground property of Friends at New Bedford not being prepared to make a final report are continued and requested to report to our next meeting

The committee appointed in the 4th month 1867 in regard to the meeting house in Lynn, report that they have paid some attention to the subject and find that it is not likely to be used as a meeting house — it has therefore been let to the city as a School house, and the committee are continued and desired to pay such further attention to the subject as the circumstances of the case may in their judgment require.

The clerk is directed to lay the records of this meeting before the yearly Meeting

There being no further business presented we conclude purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the use of the Yearly Meeting 17th of 6th month 1868. — present fourteen members —

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Ethan Foster is reappointed to serve as clerk thereof for the ensuing year

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Rhode Island by adjournements from the 14th of 6th month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1868. — Third day of the week and 16th of the month

The records of the meeting for Sufferings having been laid before the meeting at this sitting were read and the action of that body at its several meetings united with and approved; and a proposition having been made that the same friends who served in that capacity last year be reappointed it was united with and they are accordingly appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the year ensuing

It is concluded that our stated meetings for the ensuing year be held as last year —

The committee in the case of the meeting house and burial ground property of Friends at New Bedford report having made some progress, but not being prepared to report in full are continued and requested to report to our next meeting.

Having no further business before us at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 8th Month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 5th of 8th month 1868

The committee appointed in the 6th month 1867 and since continued in regard to the meeting house and burial ground property at New Bedford made the following report, and also laid before the meeting the following paper of resignation of the survivors of those who had been heretofore appointed as trustees of said property— whereupon we appoint George M. Eddy Stephen Swift and Jesse Tucker trustees to fill the vacancy hereby occasioned, and they are directed whenever it may appear necessary to make

any change, or to fill any vacancy, that may occur in said board of trustees, to make application to this meeting for its advice and assistance in the matter before proceeding to act thereon. and the clerk is directed to furnish the trustees with a copy of this minute

To the meeting for Sufferings

The undersigned Committee in relation to the trusteeship of Friends meeting house property in New Bedford hereby report that they have given attention to the subject of their appointment and that it has resulted in the resignation of all parties now living whose names appear as trustees on their records; thus leaving an entire vacancy in said trust appointment at this time, which we submit to the meeting for sufferings.

5th month 3rd 1868 Geo. H. Eddy
Jesse Tucker
Isaac S. Wilbur
Committee

Inasmuch as certain legal informality appears to exist in some of the appointments appearing on the records of Trustees of Friends meeting house property and burial grounds in New Bedford, therefore it is devised by Friends, and agreed to by all the several appointees aforesaid now living viz. Francis Taber, Geo. H. Eddy, Stephen Swift

Charles H. Hussey and Isaac T. Wilbur that they will, and do hereby resign said trusteeship, and decline further to act by virtue of said appointments, and accordingly submit the whole subject to the Meeting for Sufferings on and after the date of this agreement.

It is however understood and agreed that the foregoing resignation shall be of no effect until all the aforesaid authorities shall have affixed their signatures to this agreement. It is further agreed that when said signatures shall have been duly subscribed, that Isaac T. Wilbur be empowered and requested to enter a copy of this upon the records of said trustees and to pass the same over to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Dated this 6th day of 6th month. 1868

Francis Taber
Stephen Swift
Charles H. Hussey
Isaac T. Wilbur
Geo. M. Eddy

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Emma Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 4th of 11th Month 1868

Present eight members

No business being presented to the meeting for action thereby at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 2nd month next.

Ethan Hadley Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 3rd of 2nd month 1869

present eight members

Here appearing no ~~further~~ business to claim the attention of the meeting at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the 4th month next

Ethan Hadley Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 3rd of 3mo month 1869

Present nine members

We appoint George M. Eddy Jesse Tucker Ethan Foster and Harvey Chace, a committee to make suitable provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly meeting for the expense incurred on this account and are requested to see that no friends are embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense.

Having received at this time a communication from a body of Friends purporting to be a meeting for Sufferings of New York Yearly Meeting; We appoint Ethan Foster, George M. Eddy, Isaac P. Wilbur and William Hall a committee to take the matter into consideration and report their views thereon to our next meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport
12th of 6th month 1869
present twelve members

The committee appointed at our last meeting to take into consideration the communication from a body claiming to be a meeting for Sufferings of New York Yearly Meeting made a report, which not having been fully matured, it is concluded to recommit it to the committee, with the addition thereto of Valentine Meader and Amos C. Wilbur, and they are desired to report to an adjournment of this meeting.

No further business being presented we adjourn to meet again at this place on 2d day morning the 14th at eight o'clock.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport by adjournment 14th of 6th month 1869
present thirteen members

The committee in relation to the communication from New York Friends referred to by minute of our last meeting made the following report which is accepted and the clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to the friend who signed that communication.

To the Meeting for Sufferings

The Friends appointed to take into consideration a communication addressed to this meeting by a body claiming to be a meeting for Sufferings for New York Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Hector 3rd month 22nd 1869 report, that they have given close attention thereto, and are united in judgement that the principal obstruction in the minds of Friends of this Yearly Meeting which stands in the way of our mutual fellowship and correspondence together as coordinate bodies of Friends, lies in the course pursued by Friends of that body and hitherto justified by them, in effecting the separation in Sepio Monthly Meeting in the year 1859.

In the consideration of this important subject our minds have been drawn from time to time into sympathy with the Friends of that meeting with desires for their encouragement unto every good word and work, and that both they and we may be graciously regarded, in our low estate by the God of our salvation — be favored with fortitude and with heavenly wisdom for the trials of our day, so as to witness preservation through the Lords mercies in his blessed and unchangeable truth

On behalf of the committee

Valentine Meader

The clerk is directed to lay the records of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting

There appearing to be no further business we conclude purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings [illegible] at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 16th of 8th [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of this meeting [illegible] a [illegible] clerk [illegible] year

[illegible] following [illegible] from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting [illegible] the clerk is directed to place on record.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments [illegible]

[illegible]

Second day afternoon the 14th of the month

The records of the meeting for Sufferings was laid before the meeting at this setting and having

[illegible] the action of that body in the [illegible]
[illegible] important subject which have claimed its attention
[illegible] united with and approved; and a proposition having been
[illegible] that the [illegible] be set apart for that [illegible]
[illegible] continued it was also united with, and they are
[illegible] appointed to [illegible] meeting for
[illegible] affairs, for the year ensuing.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Valentine Mender Clerk

It is concluded that our stated meetings be
held as last year, viz. at North Providence in
the eighth and second months; at Westerly in
the Seventh, and at New Bedford in the fourth
month at three o'clock in the afternoon of the
day preceding that on which the Yearly Meetings
are held at those places respectively.

No further business being presented at this time
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[illegible]
Meeting next to be held at that place.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 4th of 8th month 1869

Present twelve members

The clerk informs the meeting that he has forwarded the report of the committee of this meeting in the New York case, adopted in the 6th month last, as directed, and that the receipt thereof has been acknowledged.

No further business being presented we conclude, purposing to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11th month next

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 3rd of 11th month 1869

Present nine members

The subject of preparing an epistle or address to the rightly concerned members of the Society of Friends or those to whom the ancient principles testimonies and practices of this people are still dear, as verbally referred to this meeting by our last Yearly Meeting having claimed the attention of the meeting at this time Thomas R. Wilbur Charles Perry, Ethan Foster and Amos C. Wilbur are

appointed a committee to take the matter into serious consideration, and if way opens, prepare an essay of Address as herein suggested and present the same to our next meeting.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 2nd Month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 2nd of 2m month 1870

Present eleven members

The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing an epistle or address to Friends, as way may open, presented an essay of one at this time, which was read; and after a time of deliberation thereon it was concluded to refer the further consideration of it to our next meeting, and the committee are left at liberty to make such alterations not materially varying the sense thereof as may appear necessary to improve the same.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 6th of 4th month 1870

present seven members.

The committee to whom was refered the further consideration of the document read at our last meeting having attended thereto and made such revision of the same as appeared to them necessary, again laid it before the meeting where it was read and being united with, was directed to be placed on record and laid before the Yearly Meeting for such final disposition thereof as may to that body appear best

We appoint George M. Eddy, Harvey Chuck, Jesse Tucker and Wm Hill a committee to make suitable provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting and they are authorised to draw on the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on this account, and are requested to see that no friends are embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense.

No further business being presented we conclude, purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

To the rightly concerned members of the Society of Friends; those to whom the ancient principles, testimonies and practices of this people are still dear wherever scattered.

Dear friends, Often amid the many and varied trials of our day which may truly be said to be one in which "a standard bearer faintetth" have our minds been drawn towards those whom we are now addressing with earnest desires for their preservation from the devices and snares of the enemy, so numerously and insidiously laid for their feet on the right hand and on the left; for peradventure there has never been a time since our worthy predecessors were first gathered to be a people when there was greater necessity for having our eyes divinely annointed that we may be enabled to see and avoid those crafty devices of the adversary of all good, than the present — a day wherein the humble and faithful followers of a crucified and risen Lord are called upon to weep as "between the porch and the altar, and to cry saying Spare thy people O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach". In order to evince that what is here promised is not overwrought but rather below what the facts will warrant, we believe it right briefly to advert to the present state of things in the Society,

to among the different classes claiming the name of Friends; and then to refer to the principal causes which we apprehend have tended to produce this state of things.

Friends formerly, perhaps it may be said at any time prior to the commencement of the last half century sustained the character of a sober reflecting and consistent people, exemplifying in life and conduct the truth of what they professed. They were generally sound in doctrine, plain in their dress and language as well as in the construction and furniture of their dwellings — careful that the discipline in these and other respects be faithfully maintained, and administered by those of clean hands and consistent lives.

The ministry was sound and edifying, and those received them were preachers not in word only, but by example, and a solid deportment, consistent with their profession and calling; and forward spirits who might incline to run without being sent, and desire to be heard for their mere speaking, were kept under by the weighty character, exemplary deportment and holy lives of the ministers and elders who were commissioned to watch over the flock. But alas! may we not say with the mournful prophet — How is the gold become dim, and the most fine gold changed? Instead of soundness in doctrine we have seen and still see circulated amongst us, printed doctrine — books written by members of high standing, the tendency and evident design, and in some

cases the avowed object of which is to invalidate and set at naught the standard doctrinal works of our worthy predecessors — works which for nearly two centurys have been recognized as standard authority, and which have been again and again endorsed and officially recommended by the society as embodying the essentials of its faith.

No wisdom but that which is from above can avail to guide either the tongue or the pen aright when essaying to illustrate or expound the doctrines of the gospel, or preserve the speaker or writer on safe and tenable ground. When any substitute for the teaching of the Holy Spirit, their natural talents, or reasoning faculties, they almost invariably become confused, or run into extremes on one hand or the other and thus become lost in the mazy labarinth of speculation. Some have thus been led into an attempt to weaken or overthrow a belief in the divinity and offices of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with all that he did and suffered for us without us in that prepared body in which he came to do his Fathers will, and suffer the just for the unjust that he might bring us to God, claiming an exalted spiritual experience whereby the Holy Scriptures come to be lightly esteemed or spoken of as a dead letter and as containing little that is instructive to so exalted a state. On the other hand there have arisen some who have unduly exalted those outward aids, to the disparagement of Christ inward and spiritual appearance in the heart

witness for such salvation, an experimental knowledge of which is essential in order to be availed of the benefit of his death and sufferings on our behalf, without the gates of perdition wherein he tasted death for every man, and became a propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and whereby our sins that are past, repented of, and forsaken are remitted, so that we become reconciled to God and placed in a capacity to be saved by his life, grace & spirit thus purchased for us, and through submission to the purifying operation of which "we are washed, we are sanctified, we are justified". These two important constituents of the gospel covenant, neither complete or availing without the other, may be said together to embrace, as ever held by Friends, the essentials of the great and glorious plan of christian redemption. Some have launched out as reformers, and in overheated zeal for good works and philanthropic acts, have left the matter of faith almost entirely in the back ground, run into practices utterly inconsistent with those of Friends and uniformly condemned not only by them, but by the more sober and consistent of other professors; and thus become wholly another people.

Plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, by which Friends were once so well known and recognized are nearly lost sight of, and conformity to the world in these respects has become the rule, and consistent plainness the exception. But in nothing has innovation been

more conspicuously and lamentably apparent than in the ministry. At this vital point has the enemy apparently directed his most powerful weapons, and with marked effect. Instead of the humble self-denying embassador walking in humility and godly fear, bowed down under a sense of the dignity and awfulness of his calling, and fearing his mouth in fear and trembling, we see a mixed multitude, many in the younger walks of life, rushing to work whose lives furnish little or no evidence of preparation for the solemn service in which they assume to be engaged; some of whom would hardly be distinguished from the world at large either by their dress or language. And there seems scarcely sufficient discernment among the members to distinguish between the genuine and the counterfeit, or concern enough to labor for the removal of an evil so derogatory to the character of the true Gospel minister, or so deadening to all that is vital in religion. The effect of this defection in those who assume to be leaders, and many of whom are recognized as such, is seen in a greater conformity and nearer approximation on the part of the members generally to the fashions of the day, more nets and forms of devotion and worship they are in various respects imitating; and from which they can hardly be distinguished. Hence the society

or a very large proportion ~~or a very large proportion~~ of those claiming to be such is seen occupying ground very similar to that from whence our forefathers two hundred years ago took their departure. This state of things was clearly seen by a very faithful standard bearer some forty years ago, as the result of innovations then beginning to be let in; and this faithful servant lifted up a warning voice against them and foretold the consequences which would result from a failure on the part of the church to testify against them. But their words of warning were disregarded, by their being cast out in the society, and the names of some of them cast out as void for their faithfulness in defending the principles and testimonies of truth so clearly delivered by the mouth of the church to our worthy predecessors, and by them bequeathed to us as a priceless inheritance through a great flight of afflictions. But the state of things in the society as herein but partially developed is at this time such, that we apprehend there are few if any who will ~~now~~ deny that the result of letting in innovations upon our ancient principles and practices has been such as was clearly seen and delineated by those of "quick understanding in the fear of the Lord". We feel an engagement to refer to this state of things more especially for the benefit of those of the class we are addressing in the younger walks of life, by whom we apprehend they are not so well understood;

as also on account of our standing as a Yearly Meeting, detached from the larger body of those professing to be Friends in New England, which detachment was the result of our adherence to the original principles of the Society, as upheld by those dedicated servants of the Lord to whom allusion has been made; who endured hardness as good soldiers, and have laid down their heads in peace, after bearing delivered the message required at their hands, "filled up their measure of suffering for the body's sake – the church", and thus finished the work which was given them to do.

We do not feel that it is necessary at this time to reproduce the evidence so abundant and conclusive, that this body is alone entitled to the name and character of New England Yearly Meeting; that having already been done, and not refuted. Suffice it to say that the separation began in Swansey Monthly Meeting, a branch of Rhode Island Quarter and was clearly and undeniably effected by the adherents of the "larger body" who were supporters of the modified views which were then working their way into the Society. These finding that they could not control the Monthly Meeting as then organized, separated therefrom and appointed a new Clerk, while the legitimate Monthly Meeting with the regular Clerk proceeded with the business. This was clearly, whether tested by

principle or discipline, Swansey Monthly Meeting, and was decided to be such by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, (see Report in the N. E. case p. 37). But the Quarterly Meeting, (the unsound members controlling) received the account from the Seniors, and rejected that from the genuine Monthly Meeting; thereby identifying themselves with the separatists, and losing their claim to be Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting as per Report aforesaid; and their account being received by the Yearly Meeting, how can we avoid the conclusion that the latter in the same way lost its standing and identity as New England Yearly Meeting? We feel constrained thus to allude to these events of the past from a conviction that erroneous impressions to a considerable extent prevail among those we are addressing as to our standing as a Yearly Meeting, regarding the members as in some sense separates; and classing them with the different fragments, (so to say) of the two bodies of New England and New York who became detached from the numerical body of members in each of those Yearly Meetings on account of their testimony against unsound doctrines, and among whom it is well known there have been sub-divisions; but none of these yet have affected the standing of this Yearly Meeting; we having uniformly borne our testimony against all separations in nothing on account of difference of principle, as has been the case in most or all of those alluded to.

Friends of this Yearly Meeting even pending a great doctrinal controversy, involving some of the essential articles of our faith, could not be driven by injustice and oppression to run into a separation; but patiently endured all, until our opponents failing ~~failing~~ to induce us to take the step, took it themselves; and thus opened a way of escape from oppression and misrule without any violation of order or discipline on our part. It is truly to be regretted that dissensions have arisen among any of those who were thus delivered from oppression practiced by unsound members bearing rule; but the influence of Friends of this Yearly Meeting has ever been exerted against them, and they have endeavored to avoid becoming in any way implicated in them. A few of our members became disaffected and withdrew from us because Friends could not see their way to become a party to a controversy involving no doctrinal difference, among their brethren of another Yearly Meeting.

But surely we ought not to be held responsible for an act which we disapprove and condemn both in its inception and consummation — a truth which will, we trust be appreciated by Friends of other Yearly Meetings who have passed through similar trials under like circumstances.

We are aware that the state of things as detailed in the preceding pages has had the effect to break up the correspondence between some

of the Yearly Meetings which have heretofore been in the habit of exchanging these epistolary tokens of mutual fellowship and regard; and that this is felt to be a serious loss by many sincere and honest hearted members; and it is deeply to be regretted that the state of things in the Society is such as to render a suspension of correspondence necessary; but such is evidently, to some extent at least, the case. There can be no doubt but a correspondence rightly kept up between the different branches of a united people — a people united in feeling and sentiment, and in a faithful support of the testimonies of truth as believed in and maintained by our worthy predecessors, is of inestimable value to the church as a body, and to the individual members in particular; but as mere formal, lifeless correspondence conducted by a people of diverse views and sentiments, many of whom are turning their backs upon, and letting fall to the ground those precious testimonies, shunning the cross and treading the narrow way and up for the followers of a crucified Lord to walk in — a correspondence kept up under circumstances such as these, will do nothing towards our advancement in the way of Truth, or building us up in the most holy faith; but will rather tend to scattering, to confusion and to final disintegration. But when the time comes

if ever it does, when we come to be a united people, speaking the same language and minding the same thing, bound to a faithful support of all our testimonies in their pristine purity, fulness and spirituality, then will a correspondence spring up in the life as a thing of course; then shall we speak a language that all the faithful can understand; for it will answer to the witness within, as face answereth to face in a glass; and then, and not till then shall we become prepared and qualified, not only to speak to one another to edification and comfort but with ears to hear, and hearts to heed what the Spirit saith unto the Churches".

Although sensible of many weaknesses and short comings; and while acknowledging that we have fallen short in faithfully maintaining our testimonies by a consistent and holy walk to the extent required, yet we have no misgivings in regard to the course we pursued which led to our detachment from the larger body of Friends, so called, in New England; or for any official act of our Yearly Meeting since that time; being confirmed by all that we have since seen and felt, that we could not consistently and safely have done other than we did; and that to have submitted to all that would have been requisite in order to have secured our continued connection

with the "larger body" aforesaid, would have been so far yielding up the testimonies of Truth, that we should have been suffered to run with the current, into all the innovations and inconsistencies which now characterize those from whom we were so signally delivered. And however more might have been accomplished by greater faithfulness, we still feel, poor and weak as we are, that if the stand we then made against the inroads of error has tended through the divine blessing to the saving of the ark of our testimonies, this consideration greatly overbalances all the sufferings endured, and sacrifices made in endeavoring to uphold them; for when these are departed from and let fall to the ground, not only dryness and withering but dissension and division are the legitimate result.—

Then dear Friends let us rally not in word only, but in deed and in truth to the standard as set up and maintained by those faithful worthies in the early days of our religious society, of whom the world was not worthy, who perilled every thing in the cause of their divine Master, and sacrificed the dearest interests of life on his altar. We would by no means count as light the trials by which we are surrounded, or the difficulties which have arisen from the hedge having been broken down on the part of those who

stood as watchmen on the walls to give alarm at the approach of the enemy, but who not only failed to do so, but actually suffered him to enter the camp, and then raised the cry of peace, peace, while he was taking possession of the strongholds thereof; and were found even striving to silence the voices of those who seeing the danger, were calling on their brethren to come to the rescue.— We know by sad experience that the path of those who are concerned to adhere to the good old way and to bring up their children therein has in consequence of the aforesaid defection on the part of the leaders and their adherents, been rendered increasingly rugged and difficult, they having become as stumbling blocks in the way of the young and inexperienced, who amid such a sad breaking up, and the flight of such great numbers have naturally given way to discouragement, and make their defection a pretext for increased liberty and greater conformity to the ways, manners and maxims of a sinful world. But let us remember that help is laid upon One who is mighty to save, and ever willing to assist the needy and to succour those who are ready to faint by the way under a sense of their own weakness and inability of themselves to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called". —

Unto such as these we would say, under every trial

and amid every discouragement look unto Him for help and cast your burdens upon Him, then may you rest assured that in due time a way will be made to your humbling admiration, when there appears to be no way, mountains of discouragement and opposition will be removed, and you will learn to acknowledge from a degree of living experience that "his hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear grown heavy that it cannot hear" — that he has plucked your feet from the mire and the clay, and set them on a rock and put a new song in your mouth, even praises to his great and holy name" — Let us not be too much dismayed at the discouraging aspect of things around us, but patiently await the turning of the divine hand upon us as a people for our backsliding and rebellion; for we are renewedly persuaded that it is his purpose "to overturn, overturn, overturn" until He whose right it is to rule and to reign is more fully and experimentally acknowledged and looked unto for help and strength, and the fear and favor of man is less regarded. And when he arises to "shake terribly the earth, and not the earth only but also heaven" — when not only the earthly nature, earthly pleasures and gratifications, but every false rest, with all imagined righteousness, self activity, and

empty profession shall pass away as a scroll when it is rolled together. Then may we in accordance with his promise "look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness", then may the true mourners in Zion more clearly see and feel that their having possessed their souls in patience, and quietly kept their place in their little lowly meetings when overlooked and rejected by the multitude, or even by some occupying similar ground with themselves, has not been in vain; then shall they who have found the God and spoken often one unto another, be comforted together and "for Jerusalem a quiet habitation — a tabernacle that shall not be taken down, not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, or any of the cords thereof be broken".

[illegible] Sufferings held at Newport
[illegible] 1870.
present [illegible] members

The clerk is directed to [illegible]
[illegible]

Since [illegible] presented
[illegible]
[illegible]

Orlando Tisdale Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the use of the Yearly Meeting 15th of 6th month 1870. present eleven members

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the ~~[illegible]~~ Yearly Meeting which the clerk is directed to place on record.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th of the 6th month to the 15th of the same inclusive 1870.

Second day of the week and 13th of the month. The important subject of an address to the rightly concerned members of the Society of Friends, to whom the ancient principles testimonies and practices of this people are still dear, having claimed the attention of the Meeting for Sufferings, an essay of such address has been prepared by that body and laid before us at this time; and having been deliberately read and weightily considered it was approved and adopted by this meeting.

Our Meeting for Sufferings is accordingly authorized to procure the printing and publication of such number of copies thereof as in their judgement may be proper, and draw upon the treasurer of this meeting for the expense thereof.

Third day morning the 14th of the month.— The committee appointed at our last sitting to consider of, and report to the meeting the names of suitable friends to compose a meeting for Sufferings, propose the following viz. Thomas K. Willson, William Hill, John Thayer, Valentine Meader, Harvey Chace, Amos C. Willson, George M. Eddy, Ethan Foster, Samuel Sheffield, Charles Tripp, Jeremiah Foster, Jesse Tucker, Isaac T. Willson, Stephen Swift, John H. Foster, Thomas Tripp and William F. Wood

Newport 6th month 14th 1870

Charles Perry
on behalf of the Committee

which is satisfactory to the meeting; and the friends therein named are accordingly appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Valentine Meader Clerk.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired, Ethan Foster is appointed to serve as clerk for the ensuing year

It is concluded that our stated meetings be held at the same times and places as last year.

It is further concluded that four hundred copies of the address referred to in the foregoing extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting be printed and Ethan Foster, Charles Perry and Thomas Perry are appointed a committee to superintend the printing and judicious distribution of the same.

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time preceding the Quarterly meeting next to be held at that place

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 3rd of [illegible] 1870

present ten members

There appearing no business to claim the attention of the meeting at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 2nd of 11th month 1870

present eight members

There being no business presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time in the 2nd month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 1st of 2nd month 1871

present nine members

[illegible] printing and distribution of the Epistle issued by our last Yearly Meeting made the following report which is accepted and directed to be recorded.

(at home)

A Diary of our late beloved and youthful friend Lydia W. Potter was laid before the meeting at this time, and the reading thereof proceeded with as far as page 34.

There being no further business presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Ethan Potter Clerk

Potter's Writing for Sufferings

The committee appointed in the sixth month last to superintend the printing and distribution of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that they contracted for the printing of five hundred copies [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sent abroad six dollars; making the whole expense twenty one dollars — they have been distributed nearly as follows — Sent to England — — — 150 copies

To different friends in Philadelphia & Ill.	80
" North Berwick for distribution	50
" [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
" N. York State "	20
Besides these there have been sent, as were opened	400
to individuals in various places by	60
[illegible]	40
	500

It will be seen that the committee took the responsibility of ordering one hundred copies more than they were authorized to do by minute of the meeting for suffering which increased the expense some two or three dollars having been notified by our friend Daniel Sicknard that we might send to his care 200 or 250 it [illegible]

On behalf of the Committee

Westerly 1st mo 30th 1871 Ethan Foster

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 5th of 4th month 1871

present seven members.

We appoint Harvey Chase Ethan Foster George M. Eddy, Isaac S. Wilbur and William Hill a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on that account, and are requested to see that no friends are embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense.

The trustees under appointment by this meeting to have the care of the Meeting House at New Bedford and property thereunto belonging inform that the house and shed are suffering for want of repairs. They are therefore authorized to make such repairs as in their judgment may be necessary and draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense thereof.

Other matters of interest having taken up the time of the meeting, it is now thought best to dispense with reading from the clerk of Lydia H. Foster at this time; hence we conclude, proposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Ethan Foster, Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport 10th of 6th month 1871

present thirteen members

Reading from the diary of Lydia W. Foster was resumed, and proceeded with as far as pg 71; and it being thought best to defer further reading therein for the present, the time being no further business, we conclude pursuant to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

The clerk is directed to lay the minutes of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Foster clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 13th of 6th month 1871

present sixteen members

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England Held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 12th of the 6th month to the 13th of the same inclusive 1871

Second day of the week and 12th of the month

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were produced and read at this time to our satisfaction; and a proposition having been made that the friends now under appointment should continue to serve in that capacity for another year it was united with and they are accordingly appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the year ensuing

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Valentine Mader Clerk

It being concluded to dispense with reading from the diary of Lydia W. Foster at this time and there being no further business presented we we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time preceding the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at that place.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 2nd of 8th month 1871

present ten members

Reading from the manuscript diary of our late beloved and youthful friend, Lydia W. Foster was resumed and concluded at this sitting; and after a time of solid and weighty deliberation thereon; Charles Perry, Ethan Foster, John W. Foster Samuel Sheffield George M. Eddy and Jesse Tucker were appointed a committee to confer with the surviving members of the family, in regard to the publication thereof, and if found to be in accordance with their views, they are authorized carefully to revise and publish such number of copies of the same, as in their judgement may be desirable - draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense thereof and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 1st of 11th Month 1871.

Present eight members.

No business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time preceding the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at that place.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 31st of first month 1872

Present eleven members

The Trustees of the New Bedford Meeting house property made the following report which is accepted as satisfactory

To the Meeting for Sufferings

The Trustees of the New Bedford Meeting house property — Report, that by the authority and direction of the Meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford in the 4th month last [illegible]

[illegible]

and paid the bills of the same amounting to two hundred & sixty eight dollars and sixty cents.

The trustees also report that they have in part to offset the same an unexpended balance of rents amounting to thirty six dollars and fifty three cents, leaving a balance due the trustees of two hundred and thirty two dollars and seven cents, — which is submitted to the meeting.—

On behalf of the Trustees

Geo. H. Colds
Jesse Parker

Dartmouth 1st. Mo. 24th 1872.

There being no further business to claim the attention of the meeting at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 3d of 4th month 1872

Present several members

We appoint George M. Eddy Isaac P. Wilbur Jesse Tucker, John T. Kenyon Harvey Chace and William Hill a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on that account, and are requested to see that no Friends are embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense.

No further business being presented at this time we concluded purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Ethan Hoxey Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport
of sixth month 1872

Present members

The committee appointed in the 5th month last to have the oversight of the printing of the diary of Lydia W. Foller made the following report, which is accepted, and they are authorized to make such distribution of them as in their judgement may appear judicious.

To the meeting for Sufferings
The committee appointed in the 5th month last to have the care of the publication of the Diary of Lydia W. Foller, report that they have attended to that duty as requested, and have one five hundred copies printed at a cost of twenty dollars. They are now ready for distribution

Charles Perry for the
Committee

The surviving trustees of the New Bedford meeting house property laid before the meeting the following paper of information; and they having appointed the name of Isaac P. Allen with which to fill the vacancy therein alluded to, the

meeting is united in leaving them at liberty to make the appointment in accordance with the said suggestion, and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

To the meeting for Sufferings

We the surviving of the trustees of the New Bedford Meeting House property hereby give notice to the meeting for Sufferings that a balancing exists in the Board occasioned by the death of Stephen Swift. In accordance with the minute of our appointment made in the 8th month 1868, we ask the advice and assistance of the Meeting for Sufferings before proceeding to act thereon.

George M. Eddy } Surviving
Jesse Tucker } Trustees

The clerk is directed to lay the records of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting.

Shewing no further business presented, we conclude purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Elwin [illegible]

At a meeting for Suffering held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 18th of 6th month 1872.

Present sixteen members

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly meeting, and the clerk is directed to place the same on record

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments the 17th and 18th of 6th month 1872

Second day afternoon the 17th. of the month The Records of the meeting for Suffering having been laid before the meeting were received at this time to our satisfaction; and a proposition having been made that the friends now under appointment with the exception of our beloved friend Stephen Swift lately deceased should continue to act in that capacity, it was united with and they are accordingly appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the year ensuing For the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Valentine Mauder Clerk

The following are the names of the members under appointment.

Thomas K Wilbur, William Hill, John T. Kenyon, Valentine Meader, Amos C. Wilbur, Charles Perry, Ethan Foster, Harvey Chace, Jesse Tucker, Isaac P. Wilbur, George M. Eddy, Samuel Sheffield, John W. Foster, Jeremiah Foster, Thomas Perry and William F. Wood;

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Ethan Foster is appointed to serve the meeting in that capacity for the ensuing year.

It is concluded that our regular meetings be held at the same times and places as last year.

No further business being presented we conclude, purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time preceding the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at that place.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 31st. of 7th. month 1872.

[illegible]

[illegible] attention of the meeting at this time are [illegible]

at the usual time in the 11th [illegible] next.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6th of 11th month 1872.

Present nine members

No business being introduced at this time ~~at this time~~ we conclude purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time preceding the Quarterly next to be held at that place.

Ethan Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Prov[illegible] [illegible] of 2nd month 1873.

[illegible] Trustees of the New Bedford meeting house and [illegible] property inform that they [illegible] [illegible] an appointment [illegible] the vacancy in the occasioned by the death of Stephen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with the minute of this meeting made the 6th month last

[illegible]

[illegible] to claim the attention of the meeting [illegible] [illegible] purposing to meet again at [illegible]

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 2nd of 4th month 1873

present [illegible] members.

A quorum not being present we adjourn to meet at [illegible] house of our friend [illegible] at six o'clock this evening.

Evening

Met pursuant to adjournment

present seven members.

We appoint [illegible] to make the necessary provision for the holding of our approaching Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on that account and they are requested to see that our friends are embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense.

[illegible] at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at [illegible]

[illegible]

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport 14th of 6th month 1873

present nine members.

The clerk is directed to lay the minute of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting.

There being no business presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at this place at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Morley Clerk

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At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 17th of 6th month 1873. present thirteen members.

Received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Rhode Island by adjournments the 16th and 17th of 6th month 1873.

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Second day afternoon the 16th of the month

The records of this meeting for Sufferings having been read before the meeting at this time were found to our satisfaction; and a proposition being made that the friends now under appointment, with the addition of our friend Francis Tabor should continue to act in that capacity it was united with and therefore accordingly appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the year ensuing.

Extract from the minutes of the Friends Meeting

Valentine Mendon Clerk

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Ethan Foster is reappointed to serve the meeting in that capacity for the ensuing year.

It is concluded that our regular meetings be held at the same times and places as last year, except that the place of holding the meeting in the 4th month be changed from New Bedford to Dartmouth.

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at No. Providence at the usual time preceding the 2d Meeting next to be held at that place.

Ethan Foster, Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at North Providence 6th of 8th month 1873

present seven members.

There appearing no business to claim the attention of the meeting at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5th of 11th month 1873.

present seven members.

No business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at North Providence at the usual time preceding the Quarterly Meeting next to be held at that place.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Nott. Providence 4th of 2mo Month 1874

Present ten members.

The subject of a change of location for the building of our Yearly Meeting having been introduced at this time, after solidly deliberating thereon it was concluded to appoint Wm Hall Jesse Tucker, Jeremiah Foster, Charles Perry and John T. Hanson, a committee to take the matter into consideration, and make such suggestions in this regard to our next meeting as they may deem suitable to present to the Yearly Meeting.

There appearing no further business to engage the attention of the meeting at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Dartmouth at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Elkanah Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Dart
month 1st of 4th month 1874
present eight members.

The committee appointed at our last sitting in regard to changing the place of holding our yearly Meeting not being ready to report are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

We appoint Isaac G. Wilbur Jesse Tucker, Harvey Chace and William Hill a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on that account, and are requested to see that no Friends are embarrassed in the attendance thereof on account of the expense

The surviving trustees of the New Bedford meeting house and burial ground property informed the meeting that a vacancy exists in the board, occasioned by the death of our late friend George M. Eddy, which they propose to fill with the name of Francis Taber; with which this Meeting unites and the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the sixth month next.

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Newport 13th of sixth month 1874.

Present eleven members

The committee appointed in the second month last to take into consideration the propriety of changing the place of holding our yearly meeting made the following report which is approved by the meeting.

To the meeting for Sufferings

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of recommending to the Yearly Meeting a removal under existing circumstances of the future sittings of the same to some more convenient place report — that every thus not opened in their minds to make such recommendation at the present time

Report 6th mo. 13th 1874 On behalf of the Committee

William Reid

Received at this time the following communication from the Trustees of the New Bedford meeting house and burial ground property which the clerk is directed to place on record.

To the Meeting for Sufferings

At a special meeting of the trustees of the New Bedford Meeting house and burial ground property held at Dartmouth 6th Mo. 11th 1874.

The clerk was directed to inform the meeting for Sufferings of the appointment of Francis Taber as one of the board of trustees, and that he had accepted the trust. Jesse Tucker clerk of Trustees.

The clerk is directed to lay the records of this meeting before the yearly meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at this place at the rise of the yearly meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 16th of 6th mo 1874 present 13 members.

Received at this time the following extracts from the minuits of the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to have the same [illegible]

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournment the 15th and 16th of 6th month 1874.

Third day morning the 16th of the month

The committee appointed at our sitting yesterday afternoon to prepare the names of Suitable Friends to [illegible] for Sufferings, presented the following, [illegible] William Hill, John S. Kenyon, Charles Perry, Harvey Chace, [illegible] Ethan Foster, Valentine [illegible] Jesse Tucker, Thomas Perry, Isaac P. Wilbur, John W. Foster, Francis Taber, Jeremiah Foster, George Foster, and William S. Wood, — which is satisfactory, and the Friends therein named are according [illegible] to our [illegible] meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year,

From the minuits of the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Jeremiah Foster is appointed to serve the meeting in that capacity for the ensuing year.

It is [illegible] that [illegible] be held at the same times, and places as last year.

No further business being presented, we conclude purposing to meet again at Pawtucket at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket 8th of 8th mo 1870.

present ten members.

No business being presented at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at [illegible] at the usual time in the 11th mo next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 4th of 11th mo. 1874

Present 8 members.

No business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Pawtucket at the usual time, preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd mo. next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket 3rd of 2nd mo 1875.

Present 7 members.

There a hearing no further business to engage the attention of the meeting at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again at Dartmouth at the usual time in the 4th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth 31st of 3rd month 1875,

Present 5 members

A quorum not being present we adjourn to meet at our meeting house in New Bedford at the 10th hour tomorrow morning. Jeremiah Foster Clk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford by adjournment the first of 4th month 1875

Present 9 members

We appoint Isaac P. Wilbur, William Hill, Jesse Tucker, Ethan Foster and Francis Taber a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting and they are authorised to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount of the expense incurred on that account.

The subject of republishing a portion of the writings of our late friend John Wilbur coming before us at this time, after solid consideration it was concluded to appoint Ethan Foster William Hill, Isaac P. Wilbur, Francis Taber John W. Foster and George Foster a committee to take that subject into consideration, and report to our next meeting.

No further business being presented at this time we adjourn to meet again at Westerly at the 10th hour on fourth day previous to the Quarterly Meeting in the fifth month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Westerly by adjournment the 5th of 5th month 1875

Present 7 members.

The committee appointed last month to consider of the propriety of republishing a portion of the writings of our late friend John Wilbur make the following report; namely

To the meeting for Sufferings

The committee appointed in the 4th month last to take into consideration the importance of reprinting some portions of the writings of our late friend John Wilbur report, — that we have given some attention to the subject, and prepared something by way of preface to the proposed extracts, but having received from our friend William Hodgson a copy of a work which he has just published entitled, The Society of Friends in the 19th century the matter of which appears so appropriate, and applicable to the existing state of things in the Society, and to embrace some portion at least of the concern of this meeting, and there being another volume yet to come which may embrace still more of our concern, the committee therefore, recommend waiting until said volume appears before moving further towards a preparation of the work in view.

Westerly 5 mo 5th 1875 On behalf of the committee
Ethan Foster

The foregoing report is accepted, and the committee relieved from further service for the present, — and it is further concluded for this meeting to purchase fifty (50) copys of the first volume of the before named work, for the use of our Yearly Meeting and Ethan Foster is appointed a committee to procure and distribute the books, and draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount expended.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Suffering held at Newport 12th of 6th month 1875.

Present 12 members

The clerk is directed to lay the records of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting

No further business appearing to engage the attention of the meeting at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at this place at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting the 15th of 6th month 1875.

Present 15 members.

Recieved at this time the following extracts from the minuts of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to have the same recorded

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments the 14th and 15th of 6th month 1875.

Second day afternoon the 14th of the month, The records of the Meeting for Suffering having been read before the meeting at this time, were read to our satisfaction; and a proposition having been made that the friends now under appointment with the exception of our late friend Thomas K. Wilson should continue to act in that capacity, it was united with, and they are accordingly appointed to constitute a meeting for sufferings for the year ensuing

From the minuts of the Yearly Meeting.
Ethan Foster Clerk.

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Jeremiah Foster is reappointed to serve in that capacity for the year ensuing.

It is concluded that our regular meetings be held at the same times and places as last year namely, on the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting at Pawtucket in the 8th month, at Westerly in the 11th month at Pawtucket in the 2nd month and at Dartmouth in the 4th month, at Newport on the day preceeding the Yearly Meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude, this meeting to meet again at Pawtucket at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 4th of 8th mo 1875.

Present 11 members.

The situation of Friends claim against the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting on account of the money ($500.) advanced by the Trustees of the Obniel Tripp Fund to that Monthly Meeting, to aid in building the Meeting house on Mann Avenue in Newport, for which the said

Trustees hold the note of the Treasurer of said late Monthly Meeting; claiming our consideration at this time, it is concluded to direct the Trustees of said fund - namely Harvey & Isaac P. Wilbur & James T. Wilbur to confer with the Trustees of the said late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, and the Trustees above named are authorized to surrender and cancel the said note, provided those of the late Monthly Meeting quitclaim to said Trustees of the Ethniel Taylor Fund for the use of the Yearly Meeting, all their right and title to the said Meeting House & lot and report to this meeting at a future time.

No further business being presented at this time, we conclude; purposing to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11th mo next.

Jeremiah Foster. Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the 13th of 11th month 1875

Present 9 members.

The trustees of the Ethniel Taylor fund not being prepared to report, at this time respecting our claim against the late

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting the case is continued, and they are requested to report at our next meeting.

The disposition of the books and papers of the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting being brought to the attention of this meeting it is concluded to appoint Charles Perry a committee to confer with Joseph Brinton late clerk of that meeting, and report his proceedings to this meeting.

No further business being presented we ~~are~~ conclude, purposing to meet again at Pawtucket at the usual time in the 2nd mo next

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 2nd of 2mo 1876.

Present 5 members.

We are informed that the Trustees of the Orthodox Friends fund have made some progress, in the settlement of our claim against the late R. I. Monthly Meeting, but not being prepared to report in full it is again referred.

the committee appointed at our last meeting to confer with the clerk of the late Rhode Island Monthly meeting concerning the disposition of the books and papers of that meeting, not being ready to report, the case is continued under the care of the same friend

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Dartmouth at the usual time in the 4th mo next,

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 5th of 4th month 1876

Present 8 members

One of the trustees of the Othniel Tripp fund reports, that they have conferred with the trustees of the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, and that they wish permission of this meeting to sell and convey the right of the said Monthly Meeting, namely the one undivided half of said meeting house and lot, which being considered is is concluded to leave them at liberty to proceed in the business as in the judgement of the trustees of the Othniel Tripp fund

may seem proper; and George Foster is appointed to advise and assist the trustees in the case.

The friend appointed to confer with the clerk of the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting not being ready to report it is again referred.

We appoint Isaac P. Wilbur, Francis Taber Jeremiah Foster and Jesse Tucker a committee to make the necessary provision for holding our next Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount of the expense on that account.

There being no further business at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again at Westerly at the 10th hour, on fourth day preceeding the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month next

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly by adjournment the 3rd of 5th month 1876.

Present 10 members

The committee appointed to apply to the Clerk of the late Rhode Island Monthly Meeting for the books and records of that meeting, reports that the

application was not attended with success, the committee is therefore excused from further service in the case.

Ethan Foster presented to this meeting a treatise called, "Brief remarks on some portions of a work entitled, "Society of Friends in the nineteenth century, by William Hodgson" to which is appended the Report of a committee of this Meeting ~~for Sufferings of New England Yearly Meeting~~ in 1860, in regard to the division in New York Yearly Meeting in the previous year, which being considered is approved; and he is authorized to publish such number as may be needful in vindication of what we deem the rights & ground taken by Yearly Meeting in respect to that division, and draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount expended.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at ~~the usual time~~ Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport the 10th of 6th month 1876.

Present 10 members

The Clerk is directed to lay the records of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting.

No business appearing to engage the attention of this meeting, we conclude purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting the 15th of 6 mo 1876.

Present 13 members.

Received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to have the same recorded, viz.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 11th of 6th mo to the 15th of the same inclusive 1876.

Third day of the week and 13th of the month the records of the Meeting for Sufferings having

been laid before the Meeting at this time were read to our satisfaction, and a proposition having been made, that the friends now under appointment, with the addition of our friend Jonathan Chace should continue to act in that capacity, it was united with, and they are accordingly appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year,

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting,

Ethan Foster Clerk,

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Jeremiah Foster is reappointed to serve in that capacity for the year ensuing,

It is concluded that our regular meetings be held at the same times and places as last year namely; at the third hour in the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting at Pawtucket in the 8th mo, at Westerly in the 11th mo at Pawtucket in the 2nd mo at Dartmouth in the 11th mo and at Newport on 7th day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude; proposing to meet again at Pawtucket, at the usual time in the 8th mo next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 2nd of 8th month 1876.

Present 7 members.

The subject of a deficiency in the Treasury of this meeting [illegible] at this time and it was concluded to authorize the Treasurer of said meeting to hire such amount as may be necessary for the use of the yearly meeting and charge the same to its account.

And the Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this minute.

No further business being presented, we conclude by forming to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the 1st of 11 month 1876.

Present 7 members

No business offering to release our relations at this time we conclude by forming to meet again at Pawtucket at the usual time preceding the monthly meeting in the 2nd month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 31st of 1st month 1877.

Present 9 members

The trying situation of some Friends in some of our Western States on account of their faithfulness in maintaining the true principles and testimonies of our Religious Society, against sad defections which of late years have occurred in those parts, as well as many others, being brought before us at this time, much concern and sympathy was felt for those friends in their sufferings for this cause and Charles Perry, George Waterman, Jonathan Chace were appointed a committee to consider the subject and report at our next meeting.

No further business appearing to claim our attention, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Dartmouth at the usual time in the 4th mo. next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 4th of 4th month 1877

Present 6 members.

A quorum not being present we adjourn, purposing to meet again at the close of the Quarterly Meeting tomorrow at New Bedford

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford by adjournment the 5th of 4th mo 1877.

Present 6 members.

No quorum being present we adjourn proposing to meet again at Westerly at the 4th hour in the P. M. on 4th day preceding the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in the 5th mo next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly by adjournment the 2nd of 5th mo 1877

Present 9 members.

The committee appointed in the 1st month last to consider of the tried situation of Friends in ~~Indiana and Iowa~~ [illegible]; presented a report, which after

being read and a time of consideration was referred to our next meeting for further consideration.

We appoint Isaac P. Wilbur George Foster and Jonathan Chace a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our next Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on that account.

No further business being presented, we concluded, purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6 mo. next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport the 9 of the 6 mo 1877.

Present 11 members.

[illegible] this sitting [illegible] read, and after being duly considered it was united with and the Clerk was directed to [illegible]

namely

A committee appointed in the first month last to take into consideration the situa

tion of some dear friends, with whom we have a near feeling of unity and sympathy in their trials and sufferings on account of their labors and efforts to maintain the true principles of our religious Society in this day of great declension and falling away from them.

Report, that we have felt a willingness briefly to place upon record our convictions respecting this sad defection and the causes which have led to it, as well as to give expression to the living sense of christian fellowship and love we have toward those isolated and tried ones, wherever situated, who have been faithful in endeavouring to withstand the deluge of unsound and defective doctrine and practice which has overtaken this once highly favoured people.

For we do most assuredly believe that the doctrines and testimonies held and promulgated by the early Friends were the result of the immediate and direct teaching of the Holy Spirit operating upon their hearts and influencing their lives.

Those doctrines and testimonies were long maintained and preserved through their faithfulness and obedience to this truly teaching, producing the excellent fruits of righteousness,

In that early day as is well known for this faithfulness and adherance to manifested duty, they

[illegible] extreme sufferings and persecutions, long imprisonments, and some even the loss of their natural lives, They were enabled in a very remarkable manner to bear these deep provings in a spirit of true christian meekness and submission,

We feel that the truthfulness and purity witnessed in their intercourse with their fellow men their consci[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of South without [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] the happy and triumphant close experienced by so many of their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] and character of the religion they professed, — that it was indeed as William Penn emphatically named it "Primitive Christianity [illegible]."

But the maintainance of these pure principals of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] renunciation of the world and many of its popular ways and practices, and the taking up of the cross of Christ, the daily cross against them, and against the superficial performances and ceremonials of the so called christian world, — In time this became irksome, especially to those in influential stations who professed as Friends to be under the direction of the Divine Spirit, so that they began to seek out for themselves an easier way — one more congenial to human nature,

It is now reported of forty years since views of this character, were nearly in accordance with those which were forsaken and testified against by the early Friends and their true followers were introduced and spread abroad throughout the Society.
This was the more easily accomplished from the fact that open defection in some of the essential doctrines of Christianity, which had ever been acknowledged by Friends in common with many other religious denominations had then recently occurred and spread over a large portion of the Society in this country under the lead of Elias Hicks. So that a new defection appeared on the other and opposite hand led on by Joseph John Gurney of England, many were taken with it, and it quickly spread over that country when the Society first arose nearly two centuries before.

Yet many examples of steadfastness were manifested there which it is now pleasant and encouraging to recall; although not a few of those who firmly withstood the innovation have been called from works to rewards.

The principal moves in this sad defection (already named) came to this country in 1838 and visited many different Yearly Meetings, New England among the rest, He found a ready acceptance here

for his favorite views; being doubtless much aided by his high social standing at home as well as by reputed great wealth, which as is usual in such cases inspired some to pay him great deference who otherwise would have looked differently upon him and his innovations.

Those who withstood the errours of both Hicksite and Gurneyite defections and endeavored to maintain the ancient ground in its fulness and entirety soon become the objects of reproach, obloquy and persecution, on the part of influential and leading members in different sections of the Society.

The result was the disownment of many faithful Friends who could not compromise their principles; the breaking up and division of meetings, and the separation of one portion from another, by the action of those who introduced and hold to the defection. Our experience in the Yearly Meeting for New England has been fraught with most trying cases of this nature, in which the plain provisions of the Discipline were disregarded, as well as important doctrines and testimonies imperiled through the continued sad departure wider and wider from the true principles of the Society by those who had thus turned away from them.

By information which we receive this departure has made rapid progress in various parts of late, especially in some of our Western States, where little appears to be wanting to bring most of those still professing to be Friends back to the very same ground which George Fox and the early Friends were led away from and testified against, Great creaturely activity and excitement prevail in many of their meetings, especially in those called "General Meetings" which have been marked by the same mechanical appliances to bring persons forward to an outward profession of religion long resorted to by some other denominations in what they call "Revival Meetings" In many ways this has been carried to great extent, and the fruits usually following such a course have not failed to appear.

Yet even here amid so great declension there have been some faithful ones who have endeavored to withstand these desolating innovations and in the strength afforded them to uphold the original doctrines of Friends in all their fulness & spirituality

These have met with close trials and provings in their labors on this behalf, reaching to disownment also, in that locality.

Our earnest desire is that they who have thus suffered and all every where, who feel a concern

on this account may be sustained by our Heavenly Father, and enabled to continue to bear their testimony in a spirit of meekness and wisdom against this lamented defection, and to uphold the true principles of Friends, trusting that the divine blessing will surely attend them, and that their reward shall not fail,

Whatever may be the event with those now claiming to be Friends, we cannot believe that the precious principles of Truth which have characterized our religious society from the beginning, are to be lost to the world, — forsaken and abandoned; — but rather, if dropped and turned away from by those whose duty and privilege it is to sustain them, that others will be raised up, who will bear testimony to the excellency of them, in a brighter day than this,

On behalf of the Committee
Charles Perry

Westerly 5th mo 2nd 1877

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting,

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting the 12th of 6 mo 1877.

Present 13 members

Recieved at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record,

namely At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 10th of the 6 month to the 12th of the same 1877,

Third day of the week and 12th of the month.

The records of the meeting for Sufferings having been laid before the meeting at this time were read to our satisfaction; and it is the conclusion of this meeting that the friends now under appointment namely, William Hill, Charles Perry, Harvey Chace, Ethan Foster, Samuel Sheffield, Valentine Meader, Jesse Tucker, Thomas Perry, Isaac P. Wilbur, John W. Foster, Francis Taber, Jeremiah Foster, George

Foster, William T. Wood, and Jonathan Chace continue to act in that capacity and thus constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Jeremiah Foster is reappointed to serve in that capacity for the year ensuing.

It is concluded to hold our regular meetings at the same times and places as last year.

No further business being presented, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Smithfield at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 1st of 8th mo 1877.

Present 9 members.

No business being presented at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at Smithfield at the usual time, preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th mo next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 31 of 11th mo 1877.

Present [illegible] members

Some matters of interest engaged the attention of the meeting at this time, which not now being matured it was not deemed necessary to [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] to meet again at Pawtucket [illegible] preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd mo next,

Jeremiah [illegible]

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the [illegible] of 2nd mo 1878.

Present 10 members

No business being presented [illegible] time, [illegible] concluded, [illegible] to meet again at Dartmouth at the usual time in the 4th mo next,

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Dartmouth the 3rd of 4th month 1878.

Present 4 members.

A quorum not being present we adjourn purposing to meet at the close of the Quarterly Meeting tomorrow at New Bedford.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford by adjournment the 4th & 4th mo 1878.

Present 4 members.

A quorum not being present we adjourn purposing to meet again at Westerly on 4th day preceding Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly by adjournment the 1st & 5th mo 1878.

Present 5 members.

We appoint George Foster, Jonathan Chase and Jeremiah Foster a committee to make [illegible]

[illegible]

ing Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized [illegible] in the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for [illegible] incurred on that account.

No further business being presented [illegible] clude purposing to meet again at the usual [illegible] preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 6th month [illegible]

[illegible]

At a meeting for Sufferings held at New York [illegible] 15th of 4 month 1871.

Present 9 members.

[illegible] to [illegible] records before the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing to [illegible] the attention of the meeting at this time, [illegible] conclude, purposing to meet again at the [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the time of the Yearly Meeting the 18th of 6th month 1878.

Present 12 members

Received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record, namely

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 17th of 6th month to the 18th of the same 1878.

Third day of the week and 18th of the month, The records of the Meeting for Sufferings having been laid before the meeting at this time, were read to our satisfaction; and it is the conclusion of this meeting that the Friends now under appointment continue to act in that capacity, and thus constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Ethan Foster Clerk

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Jeremiah Foster is re-appointed to serve in that capacity for the year ensuing.

It is concluded to hold our [illegible] meetings at the same times and places [illegible] yearly. At the [illegible] [illegible] Quarterly [illegible] at [illegible] in the [illegible] at [illegible] in the [illegible] at [illegible] in the 2nd month, at Dartmouth in the 4th month and at Newport on [illegible] day preceding the [illegible] [illegible]

No further business being presented [illegible] [illegible] purposing to meet again at [illegible] on 4th day preceding the Quarterly [illegible] in the [illegible] month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtuck at the 31st of [illegible] 18[illegible]

Present 10 members

No business being presented at this time [illegible] concluded purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Preparings held [illegible] 11 Shrty the 6th of 11th month 1873

[illegible]

No business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again a fourth day preceding the Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Preparings held [illegible]

[illegible]

The subject of republishing the letters of John Wilbur to George Grossfield, which had engaged the attention of this meeting at a previous [illegible] at this time by our friend Ethan Foster, And after due consideration the following named Friends, were appointed a [illegible], to [illegible] consider the subject, [illegible], prepare an essay for an introduction to the letters, and make such extracts as seemed best from other writings of the same [illegible]; and report their [illegible] [illegible] Ethan Foster, Charles [illegible] Jeremiah Foster

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Present three members.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

At a meeting for Suppings held at [illegible] by adjournment the 30th of 4th mo 187[illegible],

Present 5 members.

The committee appointed in the second month last to [illegible] the [illegible] of Friends [illegible] Friends' Library report, that they [illegible] dered that subject, and [illegible] the letter to George Worsdell with some [illegible]

and have prepared an essay of an introduction [illegible] submitted to and read in this meeting.

After a time of consideration it was concluded to leave the subject in the care of the same committee to consummate as way may open for, and report at our next meeting.

We appoint Isaac P. Wilbur, [illegible] Foster and Jonathan Chace a committee to make the necessary provision for the [illegible] they are authorised to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on that account,

No further business being [illegible] we conclude purposing [illegible] again at Newport at the usual time [illegible] the Yearly Meeting in the 6th month next.

[illegible]

At a meeting for Suffering [illegible] Newport the 14th of 6th month 1879

Present nine members.

The committee having charge of the matter of the republication of the letters of our friend John Wilbur to George Crosfield and some selections from his other publications, for the clearing of Truth and the vindication of our ancient principles; [illegible] accompanying the same, [illegible] from his correspondence of [illegible] and weighty Friends of the last generation bearing a lively testimony against unsoundness in [illegible] with an introductory essay to the same [illegible] with the introductory essay [illegible] ed, and the same committee are continued to have the care of the issue and circulation of such number of copies as to them shall seem best, with liberty to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense thereof.

The clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing, we conclude purposing to meet again at the [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at New-port at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 17th of 6 month 1879.

[illegible]

Received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the clerk is directed to place the same on record, namely,

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15th to the 17th of the 6th mo 1879

Third day of the week and 17th of the [illegible] for Sufferings having been laid before the meeting at this time were read to our satisfaction, and it is the conclusion of this meeting to reappoint the friends who [illegible] incapacitated for that service.

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

[illegible]

having expired, Jeremiah Foster is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing,

It is the conclusion of this meeting that its quarterlies be held on fourth day preceding the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting at [illegible] in the afternoon, and at Newport on 7th day, preceding the Yearly Meeting.

No further business being presented, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Pawtucket at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clark

A meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 6th of 8th month 1879.

Present nine members.

[illegible] East to have charge of the republication of letters of our late friend John Wilbur with a few extracts, made a full report of their progress in the work, which was satisfactory, and they are [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 11th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clark

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the 5th of 11th month 1879.

Present 7 members.

The committee appointed to have the care of the republication of the letters of John Wilbur to George Crosfield with some selections from his correspondence and others of his writings, make the following report, namely

To the meeting for Sufferings

The committee appointed to have the care of the republication of the Letters of John Wilbur to George Crosfield with some selections from his correspondence and other of his writings;

Report that 1000 copies have been printed in book form of 107 pages each octavo; — one half bound in cloth, and one half stitched — and may be bound as shall hereafter be deemed best. Upwards of 350 of the bound copies have already been circulated; mostly sent by mail to individuals, whose names and address we have been able to obtain in the different Yearly Meetings in this country and Canada. Very few copies have yet been sent across the Atlantic.

The cost of the work has been, for printing and binding $175, postage paid $15.55.

making $190,55 — of this amount there has been paid by private contribution $55, so leaving $135,55 which has been paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

This little book seems well adapted to enlighten those it may reach in regard to the causes of the present degenerate condition of the Society at large, and to make manifest the great injustice of the prejudices which have so largely prevailed against those who have endeavored to stand for the principles and testimonies of Truth as held and clearly promulgated by the first Friends.

We think it may be well to have the whole edition bound and circulated as way may open for it. The expense of binding is about 14 cents, and the postage when sent by mail is 5 cents per copy.

Westerly 11th month 5th 1879.

Ethan Foster
Jeremiah Foster } Committee
Charles Perry
Jonathan Chace

which is satisfactory to the meeting, and the committee is desired to take charge of the binding and distributing of the remaining unbound numbers whenever it may seem best.

and [illegible] on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting [illegible] additional expense that may occur.

No further business appearing at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at Pawtucket at the usual time in the 2nd month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 4th of 2nd month 1880.

Present nine members

The committee having charge of the republication of "The Letters of John Wilbur to George Crosfield" &c, make the following report namely

"To the Meeting for Sufferings,

The committee having in charge the republication of "The Letters of John Wilbur to George Crosfield" &c, report that five hundred copies (one half the number printed) which at first were only stitched; have been fully bound in cloth, and many copies have been distributed through the mail to Friends in various parts of the United States and Canada, and some sent by express to Friends who desired to assist in the circu-

-tation of them; A few copies have also been sent to Great Britain.

The expense of the binding and transportation has been fifty nine dollars and fifty eight cents.

The trustees of the Joseph Green Town Fund have taken seventy five copies, and paid eighteen dollars and seventy five cents the cost of that number leaving the balance fifty dollars and eighty three cents which has been paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Many Friends have expressed their satisfaction with this publication, and we hope that with the Divine blessing it may have an influence for good among those whom it may reach. About three hundred copies are now on hand.

Pawtucket 2d of 2nd mo 1840.

Ethan Foster
Jonathan Chace } Committee
Jeremiah Foster
Charles Berry

which is satisfactory to the meeting, and the committee are desired to continue their care in the distribution of the remaining copies of the work.

No further business being presented we conclude, purposing to meet at Vassalboro 4th day before the Pawtucket Yearly Meeting in the 3rd month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

[illegible] meeting for [illegible] held at Peterby the 6th of 5th month 1880,

Present 7 members

[illegible] committee having charge of the republication of the Letters of John Wilbur to George Crosfield &c. report, that they have attended to the distribution of the said work as way has opened for it, and that about 200 copies remain on hand, and the committee is desired to continue to its care in the further distribution of the work.

We appoint Isaac D. Wilbur, George Foster and Jeremiah Foster a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our approaching Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on that account.

[illegible] being presented [illegible] purposing to meet again at Newport at the [illegible] preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 4th month [illegible].

Jeremiah Foster Clerk,

A meeting for worship held at Newport the 12th of 6th month 1890.

Present 8 members.

Ethan Foster on behalf of the committee reports, that further progress has been made in the restoration of the Letters of John Wilbur to George Crosfield, and that an interest continues to be manifested among Friends in the work, and the committee is encouraged to proceed with the work, and report at a future meeting.

The clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Quarterly Meeting.

No further business appearing to claim our attention, we conclude minuting to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Jeremiah Foster Clk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting the 15th of 6th month 1880,

Present nine members,

Received at this time the following extracts from the minuits of Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record, namely

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 13th to the 15th of the 6th mo 1880.

Second day of the week and 14th of the month, The records of the Meeting for Sufferings having been laid before the meeting at this time, were read to our satisfaction and it is the conclusion of this meeting to reappoint the friends who now compose that meeting, with the exception of our friend Valentine Meader who is deceased; to act in that capacity and thus to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year; but the number constituting a quorum of that Meeting is reduced from seven members to five,

Extracted from the minuits of the Yearly Meeting

Jonathan Chace Clerk

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Jeremiah Foster is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that its regular sittings be held at the same times and places as last year.

No further business being presented we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Pembroke the 4th of [illegible] month 1844

Present 7 members

Recieved at this time the following communication from the Trustees of the New Bedford meeting house and burial ground, namely

To the Meeting for Sufferings

The Trustees of the New Bedford meeting house and burial ground respectfully propose that the Meeting for Sufferings give them advice in regard to the future [illegible] of the burial ground under their care,

The ground was purchased and used by the New Bedford Monthly Meeting as a burial ground. For a number of years the Monthly Meeting has been [illegible], and the members [illegible] to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and their is no prospect [illegible] will at that place be again established.

[illegible] of the bodies which were interred in this ground have of late been taken up and reinterred at North Dartmouth, and it is believed that [illegible] friends are [illegible], or at least [illegible] should be [illegible]. If the ground is kept for its present use, the [illegible] would be [illegible] expense.

Should the Meeting for Sufferings think [illegible] that the burial ground be discontinued and the lot sold the Trustees would like to have authority to use a sufficient amount of the proceeds in effecting the removal of the remaining bodies.

[illegible] Dartmouth
8th mo 1st 1880.

[illegible]
Francis Taber
Isaac P. Wilbur
} Trustees

[illegible] considered by the Meeting, the Trustees namely Jesse Tucker Francis Taber and Isaac P. Wilbur, are authorized and empowered to sell and convey by deed the aforesaid burial ground, [illegible] ing removed the remaining bodies to the satisfaction of the surviving relatives; and report [illegible] doings in the case to a future sitting of this meeting.

No further business [illegible] purposing to meet again at Westerly on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the 3d of 11th month 1880.

Present seven members

No business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Pawtucket on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd month next,

Jeremiah Foster Clk,

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 2nd of 2nd month 1881.

Present five members.

Charles Perry on behalf of the committee having charge of the distribution of the letters of John Wilbur to George Crosfield, reports, that about 200 copies still remain on hand, and the committee are requested to continue their care in distributing the remaining copies.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the 4th of 5th month 1881.

Present 7 members.

The committee having in charge the distribution of the letters from John Wilbur to George Crosfield reports that satisfactory progress has been made in the [illegible] of that work; and the committee are desired to continue their care in case.

We appoint George [illegible] and Jeremiah Foster a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our approaching Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the amount of the expense incurred on that account.

No further business appearing to claim the attention of this meeting we conclude, proposing to meet again at the usual time on the 6th day.

Jeremiah Foster, Clk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at [illegible] the 11 of 6th mo 18[illegible]

Present 7 members.

The committee having charge of the [illegible] of the [illegible] Wilbur to George Crosfield is again continued.

The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

No further business being presented we [illegible] proposing to meet again at the [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster Clk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport, at the rise of the Yearly Meeting the 14th of 6th month 1881.

Present [illegible] members

Received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record namely,

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 12th to the 14 of 6 mo 1881. [illegible] in the week and the [illegible] of the month The records of the Meeting for Sufferings [illegible] been laid before the meeting at this time. [illegible] meeting the first year [illegible] to our satisfaction, [illegible] who now compose that meeting, with the exception of [illegible] William [illegible] is [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] to constitute a meeting for Sufferings and to act in that capacity for the ensuing year.

The subject of the use of the Meeting House at Newport by the Yearly Meeting, its condition and the rent paid for its use, having come before the meeting,

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[illegible]

the various Trust funds which properly fall under the care of the Yearly Meeting and spread the result of such examination upon its records.

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

Jonathan Chace Clerk

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having now expired, Jeremiah Foster is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing.

It is the conclusion of this meeting to hold its regular sittings at the same times and places as last year, namely

on fourth day preceding the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Meeting.

[illegible]

[illegible]

having been referred to this meeting by the Yearly Meeting, [illegible] Isaac P. Gibbs, Jeremiah

Master and James J. Wilbur a committee to make the needed repairs on the above named house and out buildings and draw on the [illegible] usually paid for its occupancy for the amount of money expended.

No further business being presented we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 3rd of 8th mo, 1881.

Present 7 members.

The Clerk not being present Jonathan Chace was called to the ~~xxxx~~ desk to serve the meeting as Clerk at this time.

No business being presented, the meeting concludes purposing to meet again at the ~~usu~~ usual time and place in the eleventh month next.

Jonathan Chace
Clerk for the day.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the 2nd of 11th month 1881,

Present six members.

The committee appointed in the 6th mo last to make the needed repairs on the meeting house and out buildings at Newport,

Report, that they have made some repairs on the property at Newport, but not being ready to make a full report the subject is continued to our next meeting; the committee is also requested to inquire into the situation, amount and management of all the Trust funds of the Yearly Meeting, and other matters as directed by minute from that meeting,

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again on 4th day previous to the Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the first of the 2nd month 1882.

Present six members.

The committee appointed to make repairs on the meeting house property on Mann Avenue in

Newport make the following Report, which is satisfactory to this meeting, namely:

To the Meeting for Sufferings.

The committee appointed in the 6th month last to make the necessary repairs on the meeting house and out buildings at Newport, report

That they have taken down the old shed and built a new one 31 by 16 feet, have built new steps in front of the house and at the entrance from the street, repaired the fence next the street & the two out buildings; they have also divided the lot on the Easterly side of the lot, and built a new fence on the part belonging to Friends at a total expense of $146,01.

Having thus expended considerable money on the above [illegible] property with no other provision for its reimbursement than to "draw on the money usually recieved for its use;" the committee do not see that any change in its occupancy or rent can be made at present.

The Yearly Meetings Trust funds we find invested as follows, namely $2000,00 of the Othmil Trust fund is deposited in the Fall River Savings Bank. A note signed by Levi Chace as Treasurer of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting

dated 6th month 24th 1861 made payable to the Trustees of the Abbott Tripp fund $500, [illegible] interest indorsed on said note up to 6th mo 12th 1863. of the Lynn Meeting house fund $468,96 remaining and is deposited in the Lynn Institution for Savings,

On behalf of the committee

Jeremiah Foster

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 6th mo. next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the 3rd of 8th month 1882.

Present six members.

We appoint Jeremiah Foster and George Foster a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our approaching Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of that meeting for the amount expended on that account.

Some other subjects have been considered at this time, but not requiring a minuit; we conclude, purposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport the 10th of 6th mo. 1882.

Present [illegible] members

[illegible] Meeting.

No further business being presented at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Suffering held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6th mo 14th 1882.

Present 8 members.

Recieved at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record namely

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island on the 12th and 13th of 6th month 1882.

Second day morning the 12th of the month. The records of the meeting for Sufferings having

been taken before this meeting were read, and the proceedings of that meeting the last year approved, and the friends who now compose that meeting are reappointed to that service, with the exception of James T. Wilbur, for the ensueing year, namely Charles Perry, Samuel Sheffield, Ethan Foster, Jesse Tucker, Thomas Perry, Isaac P. Wilbur, John W. Foster, Francis Taber, Jeremiah Foster, George Foster, William F. Wood and Jonathan Chace.

From the minuits of the Yearly Meeting

Isaac P. Wilbur Clk

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having ~~[illegible]~~ now expired Jeremiah Foster is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year,

It is the conclusion of this meeting that its regular sittings be held at the same times, and places as last year, namely

On fourth day preceding the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at Newport on 7th day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

The subject of corresponding with the various bodies of Friends; having been brought to the attention of this meeting, claimed our thoughtful consideration, and it was concluded to appoint our friends Charles Perry, Ethan Foster, John W. Foster and

Isaac P. Wilbur a committee to have the care of corresponding with similar committees appointed by other meeting for Sufferings on important matters connected with the Society.

We have also received from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting the following, namely

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island by adjournment on the 12th and 13th of 6th month 1882.

Third day morning the 13th of the month

The subject of the payment of board by those in attendance of our next Yearly Meeting coming before us at this time it is concluded to refer the whole matter to the attention of the meeting for sufferings requesting that meeting after an examination of the expediency of so doing to come to a decision thereon and notify our members accordingly.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Isaac P. Wilbur Clerk

The consideration of the above extracts is deferred to our next meeting.

No further business being presented at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 8th mo. next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 2nd of 8th month 1882.

Present six members.

The subject of paying the board of Friends while in attendance on the Yearly Meeting is referred to our next meeting.

No further business being presented at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Jeremiah Foster, Clk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Hi[illegible] the first day of 11 [illegible] 1882.

Present six members

The subject of paying board of Friends while on attendance of the Yearly Meeting coming before the meeting at this time; it is concluded to pay the board of members attending our next Yearly Meeting as heretofore.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time, preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 2nd [illegible] next.

Jeremiah Foster Clk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket 1st month 31st 1883.

The number of members present being less than the number required to transact business we ~~[illegible]~~ adjourn, purposing to meet again at Westerly on fourth day previous to the Quarterly Meeting, in the 5th mo.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the second of 5th month 1883.

Present 7 members

We appoint Isaac P. Wilbur, Jeremiah Foster and George Foster a committee to make the necessary provision for the holding of our approaching Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on the treasurer of that meeting for the expense incurred on that account.

The subject of correspondance having been brought before the meeting at this time it is concluded to continue the matter in the care of the same committee appointed in the 6 month last, and they are requested to report at our next meeting.

No further business being presented at this time, we conclude by proposing to meet again at Newport at the usual time in the 6th mo. next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport the [illegible] of 6th month 1883

Present [illegible] members

[illegible]

The Clerk having possession of records is directed to lay them before next Meeting

Adjourned to meet at the time of the Yearly Meeting.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Newport at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6th m, 12th 1883

Present 12 members

Recieved at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the clerk is directed to place the same on record, as follows

At our Yearly Meeting of Sufferings for New England Holden in Rhode Island by adjournments on the 11th and 12th of 6th mo 1883.

Second day the 11th of the month, the records of the meeting for Sufferings having been read before this meeting were read, and the proceedings of that meeting the past year approved and the friends who now compose that meeting are reappointed to that service for the ensuing year

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Isaac P. Wilbur Clerk

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having now expired Jeremiah Tucker is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that its sittings be [illegible] Western Quarterly Meeting, at [illegible] in the afternoon, and at [illegible] preceding the Yearly Meeting.

No further business being presented at at this time we conclude, purposing [illegible] the usual time in the 8th month next,

[illegible]

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 1st of 8th month 1883.

Present 8 members

We have recieved at this time a communication from the Clerk of our Yearly Meeting, with an Epistle from the meeting for Sufferings of Western Yearly Meeting with direction for us to reply to the same, we therefore appoint Charles Perry, John W. Foster and Ethan Foster a committee to prepare an essay of one and present to our next meeting.

Ethan Foster presented to this meeting a Narative in manuscript of the efforts made by himself and Charles Perry in 1863 for the

relief of four young men, who were drafted to go into the army; which their conscientious scruples forbade them to do. The Friends named were members of a committee of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting R. I. appointed to have the care of such cases. The Narative has been read to our satisfaction, and Ethan Foster is left at liberty to publish it, with the approval of this meeting.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk.

A meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 10th m 31st 1883.

Present 8 members

The committee appointed at our last meeting to prepare an essay of an Epistle, in reply to one from the meeting for Sufferings of Western Yearly Meeting, not being ready to report; the subject is deferred, and the committee is asked to report at our next meeting

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at Pawtucket on fourth day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 2nd m next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 6th of 2 m 1884,

Present 6 members

Ethan Foster on behalf of the committee appointed to prepare an essay of an Epistle in reply to one from the meeting for Sufferings of Western Quarterly Meeting; reported that some progress had been made in the matter, but they were not ready to report in full, and the subject is continued to our next meeting.

We are informed by our friend Ethan Foster that one thousand copies of the brief narrative of the distress and relief of four young men from the draft for the civil war in 1863, entitled, "The Conscript Quakers" which was approved by this meeting in the eighth month last, have been printed, and the greater part of them extensively circulated,

This little book has met with general favor

and approval, and we hope it may be of service in securing a better appreciation of our Christian principles against all wars and fighting

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time previous to the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th m next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly the 30th of 4th month 1884.

Present 6 members

The committee appointed in the 8th month last to prepare an Epistle in reply to one from the meeting for Sufferings of Western Yearly Meeting; have at this time presented one, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and forward to that meeting by our correspondents.

We appoint George Foster and John W. Foster a committee to prepare for our approaching Yearly Meeting and see that no Friends are embarrassed on account of attending that meeting, & they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense, if any is incurred.

No further business being presented at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again on 7th day previous to the Yearly Meeting at this place

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Worship held at Westerly the 14th of 6th month 1884.

Present nine members.

The clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting

No business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6th m. 17th 1884.

Present 7 members.

Received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the clerk is directed to place the same on record in

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Westerly in Rhode Island by adjournments on the 16th and 17th of 6th m. 1884.

2nd day afternoon the 16th of the month,

The records of the meeting for Sufferings having been laid before this meeting were read and the proceedings of that meeting the past year approved and the friends who now compose that meeting, namely Charles Perry, Samuel Sheffield, Ethan Foster, Jesse Tucker, Thomas Perry, Isaac P. Wilbur, John W. Foster, Francis Tuber, Jeremiah Foster, George Foster, William F. Wood and Jonathan Chace are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Isaac P. Wilbur Clerk.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Jeremiah Foster is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that its stated meetings be held at the same times and places as last year, namely, on fourth day preceding the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting at 3, o'clock in the afternoon and at Westerly on 1st day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

No further business being presented we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 8th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket the 6th of 8th month 1884.

Present 8 members

A subject of considerable importance claimed the attention of this meeting; but nothing was developed which it seemed necessary to record at this time and no other business being introduced we conclude purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 11th month next.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

A meeting for Sufferings held at Salem the 2nd of 11 month 1884.

Present 7 members

The subject which claimed our attention at our last meeting was again revived, but was referred to our next meeting under the care of the same Friends.

No other business being introduced we concluded, proposing to meet again at the usual time in the 2nd month next.

Jeremiah Foster, Clerk

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At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westtown 4th of 11th Month 1886 — present 6 members.

No business being presented at this time [illegible], proposing to meet again at Pa[illegible] at the usual time in the 2 Month next.

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket 3d of 2d Month 1886 — present 4 members.

There not being a quorum present we conclude purposing to meet again at Westerly in the 5th Month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5th of 5th Month 1886 — present 4 members. There not being a quorum present we conclude to adjourn to tomorrow afternoon at the rise of the Quarterly Meeting.

5th day afternoon the 6th met according to adjournment, present 4 members. There still being no quorum present we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time on 7th day previous to the Yearly Meeting in the 6th month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 12th of 6th Month 1886. present 7 members

We appoint Isaac P. Wilbur J. Barclay Foster and George Foster a committee to make the necessary preparation for holding our approaching Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw

on the Treasurer of this meeting for the expense incurred on that account.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6th month 15th 1886. present 19 members

We have received at this time the following extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record viz. — From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting for New England held at Westerly Rhode Island 3d day of the week and 15th of the month

The committee appointed to bring in the names of suitable Friends to compose a meeting for Sufferings have reported as follows viz.

The committee of men and women Friends appointed to propose the names of suitable persons to constitute a meeting for Sufferings, present the following viz. Charles Perry Jesse Tucker, Thomas Perry, Francis Tarbox, Isaac P. Wilbur, John W. Foster, George Foster, William F. Wood, Jonathan Chase, John Barclay Foster, George C. Foster, Anna A. Foster, Eliza F. Browning, Ann Perry, Clifton W. Eddy

Abby W. Gardner, Mary K. Wood, Mary Booth, Louisa S. Foster, Lydia Barnard, Jane C. Chase, Mary J. Foster,

On behalf of the Committee
Isaac P. Wilbur
Mary K. Wood

After some time of deliberation the meeting have accepted the report, and the Friends therein named are appointed to constitute a meeting for sufferings for the year ensuing

John W. Foster Clerk,

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Thomas Perry is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing.—

It is the conclusion of this meeting that its stated meetings be held at the same time & places as last year viz. on fourth day preceding the Rhode Island Quarterly meeting at 3 O'clock in the afternoon and at Westerly on 7th day preceding the Yearly meeting.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet at Pawtucket at the usual time in the 8th month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Portsmouth
8th month 4th 1886, present 7 members

No business being presented at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at Portsmouth at the usual time in the 11th month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Portsmouth
11th month 3d 1886. present 6 members

No business being presented at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again at Portsmouth at the usual time in the 2d month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Portsmouth
2d month 2d 1887 – present 6 members.

We are informed that Friends in Kansas Yearly Meeting are in need of assistance in paying a portion of their indebtedness incurred in erecting a school house and other buildings, and in procuring teachers for their children.

We therefore recommend Rhode Island Yearly Meeting to appropriate 300 dollars

from the funds of that meeting to relieve our Friends of their pressing needs; and we appoint George Foster and Thomas Pury a committee to present the case to the Quarterly Meeting. —

No further business being presented we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time in the 3rd Month next

Thomas Pury Clerk

At a meeting for suffering held at Yorkshire 3rd Month 4th 1887 — present 9 members.

In accordance with the recommendation of this meeting the sum of Three hundred dollars was presented to our Friends in Kansas from the funds of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

The Quarterly Meeting also loaned them an additional sum of Three hundred dollars at 5 per. ct. interest.

We appoint George Foster, Isaac P. Wilbur, & John Barclay Foster a committee to make any needed provision for holding our approaching Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw the Treasurer of that Meeting for the expense incurred on the account.

Having no further business at this time we conclude, purposing to

meet again at the usual time preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 6th month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6th month 11th 1887 — present 11 members

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

Having no business at this time we adjourn to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6th month 14. 1887,

We have received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the clerk is directed to put the same on record, viz. Third day of the week 14th of 6th month.

The records of the meeting for Sufferings having been laid before the meeting at this time, they were read and approved and we appoint George Foster, Isaac P. Wilbur, James W. Tucker and William F. Wood to unite with a committee of the women's meeting to prepare the names of suitable Friends to constitute a meeting for sufferings. — The women's meeting have united

with this Meeting herein.

The committee appointed to propose the names of Suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings the ensuing year propose the following.

Charles Perry, Jesse Tucker, Isaac P. Wilder, John W. Foster, Thomas Perry, George Foster, William F. Wood, John Barclay Foster, Ann Perry, Elizabeth H. Foster, Mary A. Gardner, Anna A. Foster which is satisfactory to the meeting, and they are appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year

John W. Foster Clerk

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Thomas Perry is reappointed to that service for the year ensuing.

It is the conclusion of this Meeting that our meetings be held the same as last year, omitting those held at Pawtucket.

The Clerk is authorized to call a meeting at other times, if thought necessary, by notifying the members of the time and place of holding it.

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 11th month 2d 1887 - present 7 members.

The surviving Trustees of Friends Meeting house property in New Bedford proposed to appoint Jos. Sidney to fill the place of Francis Taber deceased, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Trustees with a copy of this minute.

This meeting approves of and sympathizes with the action of Philadelphia Friends in their late preparation & publication of an impressive address on war, and hereby expresses a desire to be supplied with 200 copies of the same for general circulation. The Clerk is directed to procure & pay for the above number of copies. —— No further business being presented at this time we conclude, proposing to meet again on 4th day preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 5th month next.

Thomas Pugh Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westtown
5th month 5th 1888 present 6 members.

We appoint George Foster and John Barclay Foster a committee to make any needed provision for holding our approaching Yearly Meeting and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of that meeting for the expense incurred on that account

No further business being presented at this time we conclude by proposing to meet again on 7th day preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 6th month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westtown
6th Month 8th 1888

present 10 members

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

Having no further business at this time we adjourn to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly at the rise of the Yearly meeting 6th mo. 12. 1888. present 11 members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to put the same on record viz. 2d day of the week and 11th day of the month.

The records of the meeting for sufferings having been laid before the meeting at this time, they were read and approved, and a proposition having been made that the friends now under appointment should be continued, it was laid before the women's meeting, which being united with by them and by this meeting they are appointed to constitute a meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

John W. Foster Clerk

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired Thomas Perry is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that our meetings

be held at Westbury at the same time as last year.

No further business being presented we conclude, purposing to meet again on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th Month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westbury 10th Month 31st 1888 — present 7 Members.

No business being presented at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at this place at the usual time on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th Month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westbury 5th Month 1st 1889 present 5 members.

We appoint our friend George Foulin to make any needed provision for holding our next Yearly Meeting and he is authorized to draw on the Treasurer of that Meeting for the expense incurred on that account.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again on 7th day

preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 6th Month next.

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Newport 6th Month 15. 1889. Present 9 members.

We appoint Isaac P. Willcox, George Foster, J. Barclay Foster & Thomas Perry a Committee to take into consideration and lay before the Yearly Meeting the subject of relieving our Kansas Friends of their indebtedness to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting incurred by them for the erection of a school house and other buildings.

The clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

Having no further business business at this time we adjourn to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6th mo. 18. 1889. — present 9 members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to put the same on record, viz:

Third day of the week and 18th of the month

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings having been laid before the Meeting were read and approved, and it having been proposed that the same friends now constituting a Meeting for Sufferings should be reappointed, it was united with; and they are accordingly continued under ~~under~~ appointment for the ensuing year, having the unity of the Womens Meeting herein

Taken from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

John W. Foster Clerk

The committee appointed in regard to relieving our Friends from their indebtedness to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, report that they have attended to the duties of their appointment and

as requested have laid the subject befor the Yearly Meeting.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired Thomas Perry is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year

It is the conclusion of this meeting that our meetings be held at the same times and place as last year.

No further business being presented at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month next.

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westtown 11th Month 6th 1889

Present 6 Members

No business claiming our attention at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month next

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westbury 4th Month 30th 1890 — present 6 members

We appoint George Foster to make any necessary provision for holding our approaching Yearly Meeting, and he is authorized to draw on the Treasurer of that meeting for the expense incurred on that account.

No further business appearing at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again on 7th day preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 6th Month next —

Thomas Perry Clerk

At a meeting of Sufferings held at Westbury 6th Mo 14th 1890 — present 8 members.

The clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the yearly meeting.

There being no further business at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at the close of the yearly meeting

Thomas Perry Clerk.

At a meeting for sufferings held at the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6mo 18th 1870. present 10 members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to put the same on record, viz.

Second Day of the week and 16th of the month.

The records of the meeting for sufferings were read at this time, and approved, and we appoint Isaac P. Wilbur, George Foster & Jesse Tucker a committee to unite with a committee of the Women's Meeting to propose the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year. 3rd day afternoon the 17th. The committee appointed at our last sitting to propose the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for sufferings have produced the following, viz.

Jesse Tucker — Thomas Perry
Isaac P. Wilbur — George Foster
John W. Foster — William F. Wood

John Barclay Foster, James H. Tucker,
Job S. Gibbs, Anna A. Foster,
Jonathan Chace Elizabeth H. Eddy,
Amos C. Foster Anna H. Chace
and Mary A. Gardiner
which is satisfactory to the meeting, and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

John W. Foster, Clerk

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired, and he having expressed a desire to be released from further service in that capacity J. Barclay Foster is appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet at the conclusion of the meeting for worship appointed for this house at 10 A.M.

Fourth-day 11-4 5 A.M. Met again according to adjournment. It is directed that our meetings be held at the same times place as last year.

Adjourned to meet

again on 4th day preceeding the quarterly meeting in the 11th month next

J. Barclay Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Pawtucket 8th mo. 7th 1870 Called by general consent of the members on notice to all. Present 11 members

An extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting is laid before us referring to this meeting the revision, publication and distribution of a proposed general epistle. The draft of such epistle has also been laid before us, and it is referred to a committee for revision; and Jesse Tucker, John W Foster, Job S. Gidley and Mary H. Gardiner are appointed a committee for that service, with instructions to report to an adjourned meeting to be held at New Bedford on the day of Sandwich Quarterly meeting in the 10th mo. next.

J. Barclay Foster Clerk.

At an adjourned meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings held at New Bedford 12nd day 10th mo. 1896.

Present 7 members.

The clerk of this meeting being absent John W. Foster was appointed to act in that capacity at this time.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to revise the General Epistle issued by the Yearly Meeting, and referred to this meeting for revision have produced a copy which has been carefully rewritten with such changes made as seemed best, without altering the sense of the same.

After hearing it read, and upon careful maturing & iteration thereon, it is concluded to print five thousand copies. We appoint Isaac T. Wilbur and Job T. Gidley to superintend the printing thereof, and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred on that account; and are requested to report at our next meeting.

No further business being presented, we adjourn to meet at the regular time at Westerly in the 11th mo. next

John W. Foster
Clerk for this time

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 11th Month 5. 1890.

Present 8 members.

The committee on the writing and distribution of the general epistle made a partial report, which is acceptable to the meeting, and they are encouraged to further labors in the distribution of the same; a subsequent report of which may be made.

The printing of two thousand additional copies of the epistle is approved by this meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet again on 4th day preceding the Quarterly meeting in the 5th month next.

J. Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings
held at Westerly 5th Month 6. 1891.

Present 6 members.

The Committee on the printing and circulating of the general Epistle of the Yearly Meeting made a further report of progress, which is acceptable to this meeting; and the same committee is continued in that service.

We appoint J Barclay Foster and George Foster a committee to make any necessary provision for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting; and they are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of that meeting for the expense incurred on that account.

No further business appearing at this time, we conclude purposing to meet again on 5th day preceding the Yearly Meeting in the sixth month next.

J Barclay Foster
Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6th month 13. 1891.

Present 9 members.

The committee on the distribution of the Yearly Meeting Epistle reported further progress; and Job S. Gidley on behalf of the committee read extracts from responses of some of those who had received them expressing satisfaction therewith: which expressions were comforting to us. The committee were encouraged to continue their labors until the whole edition shall have been circulated.

The Trust which was established by the will of the late Joseph Greene of Jamestown for the benefit of Friends, in the year 1840, having been brought in question before the courts, upon the petition of some of the heirs at law; and the present condition of the matter being brought before this meeting, upon request of the Trustees for advise and assistance, it is thought best to encourage the Trustees to defend the trust. A proposition was made to appropriate funds for this purpose from the treasury of the Yearly Meeting, which was referred to our next sitting for further consideration.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the yearly meeting.

As further business being presented at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the rise of the yearly meeting.

J Barclay Foster
Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at the rise of the Yearly Meeting in Waterly 6 Mo. 17. 1891

Present ten members

We have received at this time the following extract from the records of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings having been laid before this Meeting, were read and approved and a proposition having been made that the Friends now under appointment should be continued in that service, it was united with; and the records and proposition having been laid before the mixed meeting they united therewith; And this meeting in conjunction with them herewith appoint the same friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings

for the ensuing year. The subject alluded to in the minutes respecting the Trust under the Will of Joseph Greene claiming the attention of the meeting, it was concluded that the Yearly Meeting would of necessary assume the expense of defending the Trust in the case of a re-hearing before the Courts.

John W Foster Clerk.

The matter of the Joseph Greene Trust having been considered by the Yearly Meeting as shown in the foregoing minute and they being concluded to assume the pecuniary responsibility of a further defense of the Trust, it is the conclusion of this meeting to appoint Thomas Perry, Jonathan Chace and J. Barclay Foster a committee to advise and assist the Trustees in the case.

It is directed that our meetings be held at the same times and places as last year.

The time for which the clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired; it is concluded to re-appoint J. Barclay Foster to that service for the ensuing year.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet again on fourth day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11. mo. next.

J. Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 11. Mo. 4. 1891

Present six members

No business appearing to claim our attention at this time we conclude purposing to meet again at this place on fourth day preceding the Quarterly meeting in the 5th month next.

J. Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5. Mo. 4. 1892

Present five members.

We appoint J. Barclay Foster and Geo. Foster a committee to make any necessary provision for the accommodation of Friends at the approaching Yearly Meeting, and they are authorized to draw upon the treasurer for such funds as may be needed for that purpose.

No further business appearing at this time we conclude, purposing to meet again on second day preceding the Yearly meeting.

J. Barclay Foster Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

in the deed of trust Sum[illegible] Jos Eddy;

[illegible]

be authorized to dispose of the [illegible]

[illegible] case

[illegible]

The clerk of this meeting is directed [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in Westbury

6th month 1st 1872

Present Clerk Members

We have received at this time the following extract from the Records of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

Second day of the week and 13th of the month.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read at this time and approved. It having been proposed that the same Friends be re-appointed, the records and proposition were laid before the Women's meeting and [illegible] by them. It is therefore concluded that the Friends now under appointment shall conclude a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

John W Foster
Clerk.

It is directed that one meetings be held at the same [illegible] and places as last year.

the time for which the Clerk of the meeting was appointed having expired, it is concluded to reappoint J. Barclay Jones to that service for the ensuing year.

The Clerk has produced and read the following minute with reference to the meeting house property on fifth street New Bedford which is approved by the meeting.

Whereas, Job Eddy of New Bedford, State of Massachusetts, made and executed a deed of Trust to Frances Taber, Frances Taber Jr and George M Eddy dated 8th March 16th 1847, recorded in Land records of Bristol County Massachusetts, Southern District in Book 14 pages 402-403-404 & 405, conveying certain lands and a meeting house therein standing in Trust for New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, and as such deed provides for the meeting power of the disposal of said property for the purposes designated, and the disposition of the same by the Trustees appointed in said deed of Trust, or by their successors named in accordance with its provisions subject to the advice, assistance and direction of the Meeting for Sufferings of the Yearly

meeting of Friends for New England; and
as the only of Friends now holding this meeting
for Sufferings at Westerly, Rhode Island, is
that same society of Friends referred to in
in said deed of Trust; It is the conclusion
of this meeting that; as the contingency
contemplated by the founder of this Trust
has arisen, when the New Bedford Monthly
Meeting of Friends designated in said deed
of Trust has ceased to exist and has been
merged by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, to
which it was subordinate, with and become
a part of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of
Friends; and said meeting house property
is no longer used for the purpose originally
designed; that the trustees of said property,
who are now the regularly appointed suc-
cessors of the original trustees, shall be
at liberty, and they are hereby advised
and directed to dispose of said meeting
house property by sale, and to apply the
proceeds of such sale to the sole use and
benefit of the religious society of Friends
according to the intent and purpose
expressed by the Lady in said deed of
Trust.

The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to furnish a copy of the foregoing minute, and sign the [illegible] of the Society to [illegible] [illegible] Trustees, according to the [illegible] ted in the deed of Trust from Mr Eddy.

No further business appearing, we conclude proposing to meet again on the [illegible] day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month next, at Waterloo.

[illegible]

[illegible] meeting in Uffington Field at Waterloo [illegible]

Second Case Quarter.

The Committee appointed [illegible] to report [illegible] and recall the minutes of the Joseph Brown fund, report that the Board has given a further hearing in the case and [illegible] the matter under consideration.

[illegible] appearing, we conclude proposing to meet again on the first day preceding the Quarterly meeting in the 5th mo next.

[illegible]

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Waterly 5. Mo. 5. 1895

Present six members.

In the matter of the suit by the heirs of [illegible] to dissolve the Trust created by his will, our committee appointed in 1891 on this subject, report, that the decree of the court has been adverse to the [illegible] of the Trust which is therefore terminated; and also that no expense has been incurred against the yearly meeting. The Committee are therefore released from further service.

We appoint J. Barclay Foster and George Foster a committee to make any necessary preparation for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting, and they are at liberty to draw on the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for any expense incurred thereby.

No further business appearing we adjourn to meet again on Seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

J. Barclay Foster
Clerk

At a Meeting for Suffrings held at Westerly 6. mo. 19. 89

Present 10. members

The decision of the Court in the matter of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] advertised to at this time, and while this meeting feels that a great injustice has been done, we yet believe that it would not be advisable to seek occasion to reopen the case, preferring rather to submit quietly to sporting of our outward inheritance than continue in controversy which may be unprofitable both outwardly and inwardly.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its minutes before the yearly meeting.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we adjourn purposing to meet again at the rise of the yearly meeting

J. Barclay Tuttle Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at the rise of the Yearly Meeting in Wilberly 6th month 14. 1893.

Present thirteen members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the records of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to send the same,

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

"Third day of the week and 13th of the month. The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were laid before the meeting at this time and read to our satisfaction. It was proposed and united with to appoint the same friends as last year to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year with the addition of Sarah F. Wilbur, having the unity of the women's meeting therein. The names of the members are as follows,

Jesse Tucker	Jonathan Chace
John W. Foster	Jos. S. Gidley
George Foster	Amos C. Foster
Charles Foster	Anna A. Foster
James H. Tucker	Elizabeth H. Eddy
Isaac P. Wilbur	Mary A. Gardner
Thomas Perry	Anna H. Chace
Wm F. Wood	Sarah F. Wilbur

John W. Foster Clerk.

It is directed that the meetings be held at the same times and places as last year; i.e. on the fourth day preceding the Quarterly Meeting at Whitley in the 5th and 11th months, and on fourth day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired it is concluded to re-appoint Mary Lay Sale to that service for the ensuing year.

The subject of attending more time for the sittings of our Yearly Meeting, either by commencing one day earlier, or by adding another day at the end has engaged the attention of the meeting; and while we may not feel authorized to make any change at this time, we recommend that Friends hereafter have their arrangements so made that a day may be added to the service of the church on the Yearly Meeting occasion.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet again on fourth day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the eleventh month next.

[illegible] Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 11. Mo 1. 1893
Present 7 Members.

No business appearing to claim our attention we adjourned purposing to meet again on the 5. Mo. next at the usual time.

J Barclay Forter Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5. Mo. 2. 1894
Present 6 Members.

We appoint J Barclay Forter & Geo Forter a committee to make any necessary preparation for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting, and they are at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for any expense incurred thereby.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its minutes before the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing we adjourn purposing to meet again on second day preceding the Yearly meeting.

J Barclay Forter Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly
6. Mo. 9. 1894
Present 12 Members.
No business is proposed at this time, and we therefore conclude purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly meeting.

Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held in Westerly at the rise of the Yearly meeting
6. Mo. 13. 1894
Present 13 Members.
We have received at this time the following extract from the records of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to record the same.
From the Records of the Yearly Meeting:
Fourth day of the week and 5th of the month.
The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were laid before the meeting at this time, and were read and approved. It is concluded to reappoint the same Friends with the addition of our friend Lucas Foster and they are to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year. From the Records

of the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible]

The names of the members of the Meeting for Sufferings are given as follows:

Jesse Tucker	[illegible]
John W. Foster	[illegible]
George Foster	Amos C. Foster
Barclay Foster	[illegible]
James W. Tucker	[illegible]
Isaac P. Wilbur	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Wm. F. Wood	Sarah F. Wilbur
	Geo. C. Foster

[illegible] preceding the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of the Yearly Meeting
and the epistles received from other yearly meetings
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
of the Yearly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] further business offering we conclude
[illegible] to meet again on seventh day preceding
the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month next.
[illegible] Clerk.

At a meeting for sufferings held at [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of the
Yearly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
and that none are on hand which may
[illegible]
[illegible]
$30 which has been paid by the Treasurer
No further business offering we conclude
[illegible] to meet again [illegible]
at the usual time [illegible] Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5. Mo. 1. 1895, Present C. members.

We appoint Geo Foster & J Barclay Foster a committee to make any necessary preparation for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting and they are at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for any expense incurred thereby.

A proposition was made to issue another edition of John Wilbur's letters to George Crosfield first published in Liverpool in 1832; and republished by this meeting in 1879, with some selections from his correspondence and other writings and with an introductory essay. It is the united feeling of this meeting that this work, which is now out of print, will still be useful as a concise and valuable exposition of some of the more important points of our Christian faith and doctrine, so long held with unity and firmness by our most esteemed and worthy Friends; and as such we commend it to the careful perusal of all who love the truth in its simplicity and purity as taught by the Savior of Mankind.

We appoint George Foster, Job S Gidley, J B Foster, Mary A Gardner and John W Foster, a committee to have the care of the publishing and distribution of this work. They are authorized to print such number of copies as they may deem proper and draw upon the treasure of the Yearly Meeting for the expense thereof.

We now adjourn to meet again on seventh day preceding the Yearly meeting.

J Barclay Foster Clerk

At a meeting for sufferings held at Westerly 6 mo. 15. 1895. Present 11. members.

The committee in the matter of republishing the Letters of John Wilbur & George Crosfield &c report that some progress has been made, although the work is not in print; but it will no doubt soon be issued: the meeting advise that not less than one thousand copies be printed and that they be all bound in cloth as heretofore.

The clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

No further business being proposed we conclude, proposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

J Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly after the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6. Mo. 19. 1895. Present 13 Members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the records of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

From the Records of the Yearly Meeting: Third day of the week and 18th of the Month. The records of the meeting for Sufferings were laid before the meeting at this time and were read and approved; and a proposition was made to re-appoint the same Friends another year, with the exception of our dear Friend Isaac P. Wilbur deceased and with the addition of our Friends Charles Perry and John T. Wilbur; which being approved they are appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the year ensuing; varying the unity of the women's meeting herein.

Extracted from the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from the 17. of 5 Mo to the 1. of the same inclusive 1895.

John W. Foster Clerk.

The names of the members of the Meeting for Sufferings are now as follows -

Jesse Tucker	Amos D. Foster
John W. Foster	Anna A. Foster
George Foster	Elizabeth H. Eddy
J. Barclay Foster	Mary A. Gardner
James H. Tucker	Anna H. Chace
Thomas Perry	Sarah F. Wilbur
Wm. F. Frost	Geo. C. Foster
Jonathan Chace	Charles Perry
Job S. Gidley	John T. Wilbur

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired; it is concluded to re-appoint J. Barclay Foster to that service for the ensuing year.

It is directed that our meetings be held at the same times and place as heretofore, viz: on Fourth day preceding the Quarterly meetings at Westerly in the 5. & 11. months and on Seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

We appoint John W. Foster, Jos. S. Gidley, J. Barclay Foster & Mary A. Gardner a committee to prepare and publish the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, together with the epistles

received from other Yearly Meetings; of both Men's and Women's meetings, and to distribute said publication according to their discretion: and they are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense thereby incurred.

This meeting, having been informed of a vacancy in the board of Trustees of the New Bedford meeting house property, caused by the death of Isaac T. Wilbur: and being informed also of the nomination by the remaining Trustees of Amos H. Tucker to fill such vacancy: this meeting approves and ratifies that appointment.

A proposition is made that the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting be authorized to appropriate from the yearly meetings funds, with the written approval and consent of two or three members of this meeting, such sums of money as may be needed to supply any emergency, for the needs and uses of our society, in his and their discretion: which proposition after consideration is united with.

No further business appearing we conclude proceeding to meet again on 4. day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11. mo next.

Benjamin Foster, Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 11. Mo. 1. 1895

Present 10 members

John W. Fisher on behalf of the Committee to publish and distribute the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the Epistles received, Reports; that they have attended to that service having had the usual number printed and distributed, at an expense of about $30. which has been paid.

Geo Fisher, on behalf of the Committee appointed in the 5th month last to reprint the letters of John Wilbur to Gen. Crosfield &c, Reports, that an edition of that work, copied from that of 1877, of one thousand copies has been printed at an expense of $250; more than one half of which has already been distributed and there is a prospect that the whole number will be required, the Committee are requested to attend to such further service in the matter as may be needed.

No further business appearing we conclude preparing to meet again on 4th day preceding the Quarterly meeting in the 5. Mo next

[illegible]

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5. Mo. 6 1896.

Present 7 Members.

The Committee charged with the printing and distribution of a new edition of the letters of John Wilbur to George Crossfield have made a report at this time showing the distribution of most of the copies of that work recently printed a few only remaining on hand for future use.

Some expressions of satisfaction with the work have been received from those to whom they were sent and this meeting is comforted in believing that our efforts in this direction will not have been made in vain.

We appoint Geo. Foster and J. B. Foster a committee to make any necessary arrangements for the holding of our approaching yearly meeting and they are at liberty to draw upon the treasurer of the yearly meeting for the expense incurred thereby.

No other business being presented we adjourn to meet again on seventh day preceding the yearly meeting.

[illegible] Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6 Mo. 13 1896

Present 8 members

We have received from Pensville Quarterly Meeting held at Chuluefield, Morgan County, Ohio a copy of their minute gratefully acknowledging receipt of some of the copies of the letters of John Thatcher & Wm Crosfield.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet again at the rise of the Yearly meeting.

Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Waterloo after the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6 Mo. 17. 1896 – Present 13 Members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the records of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to record the same,

From the Records of the Yearly Meeting.

Third day of the week and 16th of the month. The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read at this time and approved; and a proposition having been made to re-appoint the same Friends it was adopted and they are therefore appointed to that service for the ensuing year; having the unity of the Women's Meeting herein.

Extracted from the Minutes of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from the 16th of the 6. Mo. to the 17th of the Same 1896.

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired, it is concluded to re-appoint Barclay Fetter to that service for the year ensuing.

It is directed that our meetings be held at the same times and place as last year viz: on fourth days preceding the Quarterly

Meeting at Westerly in the fifth and eleventh months and on seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

We appoint John W. Foster, Jos. S. Hadley and Mary A. Gardner a committee to prepare and publish the minutes of the Yearly Meeting together with the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, with which we correspond, of both Men and Women's meetings, and to distribute such publication in their discretion - they are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the necessary expense.

The Yearly Meeting, having received a letter from London Yearly Meeting and directed that a suitable reply be made to the same, and as there was no sufficient time for the preparation of so important a document, the subject of such preparation was referred to this meeting with the understanding that the answer when prepared should go as from the Yearly Meeting direct. - This meeting therefore appoints: Jesse Tucker, J. Barclay Foster, John W. Foster, Mary A. Gardner, Jos. S. Hadley and Anna A. Chase, a committee to draft such communication to London Yearly Meeting as may

seem to them suitable and submit to a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned, to meet again in the 1st month next unless sooner called together.

J. Barclay Tatum Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westbury 11th Mo 4. 1896

Present 9 members.

John J. V. Tatum, on behalf of the committee appointed to publish and distribute the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the epistles received reports, that they have attended to that service having had 500 copies printed and sent out, and that the expense has been paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed in the 6. mo last to draft an answer to the letter from London Yearly Meeting, produced an essay of reply. Such was read, and with which general unity was expressed. It is concluded to re-commit the essay to the committee for further revision in their discretion, and upon completion of the service, they are directed to hand the revised essay to the clerks

of the Yearly Meeting to be signed and forwarded as directed by that meeting.

Adjourned to meet again at the usual time in the 5. Mo next.

Barclay Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Waterly 5th Mo 5. 1892 - Present 9 Members.

Wm Lindley and Mary Hardin, on behalf of the Committee to prepare verse and forward to London Yearly Meeting an answer to their epistle received by our Yearly Meeting in the 6. Mo. last. Pan reported that the committee has attended to that service, and we are also informed that the letter has been forwarded to London signed by the Clerks of our Yearly Meeting as directed.

We appoint Geo. C. Foster & Barclay Foster a committee to make preparation for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting if any should be necessary, and they are at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred thereby.

Adjourned to meet again on Seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting in the 6. Mo. next

Barclay Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly
6th mo 12. 1897

Present 11 members.

John W. Foster informs this meeting that he has received a short note from Caleb R. Kemp, Clerk of London Yearly Meeting giving the information that one epistle was received and read in that meeting and placed on record.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude, awaiting the action of the Yearly Meeting as to further appointment and service.

Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly after the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6 Mo 16. 1897 present 5 members

The time for which the clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired it is concluded to re-appoint J B Foster to that service for the ensuing year.

It is directed that our meetings be held at the same times and place as last year, on fourth day preceding the Quarterly Meeting at Westerly in the 5th & 11th months and on seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

We have received at this time the following extract from the records of the Yearly Meeting and the clerk is directed to record the same

From the Records of the Yearly Meeting Second day of the week & 4th of 5th Month 1897.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read at this time and approved, and it is concluded to continue the Friends now under appointment with the addition of our Friend Geo H Gifford to constitute a meeting for Sufferings

[illegible] the year ensuing the [illegible] meeting
[illegible]
It is concluded to print the minutes
of this meeting together with the spoilers
received from other yearly meetings and
the case of the same is referred to the
meeting for sufferings.
From the minutes of the yearly meeting
John W. Foster Clerk

The names of the members of this meeting
for sufferings are now as follows.

Jesse Tucker	Amos O. Foster
John W. Foster	Mary A. Gardner
George Foster	Anna H. Chace
J. Barclay Tuke	Sarah T. Wilbur
Jesse B. Tucker	Geo. L. Foster
Thomas Perry	Charles Perry
Jonathan Chace	John T. Wilbur
Job S. Gidley	Geo. H. Gifford

The approval of Mary A. Gardner, John W. Foster
and J. Barclay Tuke is committed to
prepare and publish the minutes of the
yearly meeting and the spoiler received

from other Yearly Meeting with which we corres-
pond, of both Mens and Womens meetings,
and [illegible] in their discretion,
and they are authorized to draw upon the
Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense
incurred thereby.

It is directed that hereafter it shall be
the duty of the Clerk of this meeting to call
special meetings, naming the time & place
of the same, at the request of any of these
numbers, in which case notice shall
be given to all members [illegible]
[illegible] as far as possible.

Adjourned to meet again at [illegible]
on fourth day, preceding the Quarterly
Meeting in the [illegible]

[illegible]

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly R. I. 10. mo. 3 1897

Present 6 members.

Mary A. Gardiner on behalf of the committee to print and distribute the minutes of the Yearly Meeting with the epistles received; reports that such service has been attended to by the printing and distribution of 500 copies, and we are informed that the expense of the same has been paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet again at the usual time in the 5th. month next.

Stanley Foster
Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5. mo. 4. 1898
Present 8 numbers.

We appoint Charles Perry & Barclay Foster a committee to make preparation for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting if any should be necessary, and they are at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for any expense incurred thereby.

Adjourned to meet on seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting next month.

Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6 mo. 11th 1898 Present 10 numbers

The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

No business appearing to claim our attention at this time we conclude awaiting the action of the Yearly Meeting as to further appointment and service.

Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly, after the rise of the Yearly Meeting 6. Mo. 15. 1898

Present. 12 members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to record the same:

From the Records of the Yearly Meeting: Third day of the week & 14. of the month. The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings were produced and read at this time in both mens and womens meetings and their proceedings concurred in. It is concluded to re-appoint the same Consents as last year to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the year ensuing; the womens meeting writing therein.

John W. Foster Clerk

The names of the members of the Meeting for Sufferings are now as follows

[illegible]	James H. Tucker
John W. Foster	Thomas [illegible]
George Foster	[illegible]
J. Barclay Foster	[illegible] S. Gidley

Anna D. Foster Geo. C. Foster
Mary A. Gardner Charles Perry
Anna H. Chace John [illegible]
Sarah F. Wilfer Geo. H. Gifford

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired, it is concluded to re-appoint J. Barclay Foster to that service for the year ensuing.

It is directed that our meetings be held at the same times and places as last year viz. On fourth day preceding the Quarterly Meeting at Westerly in the 5. & 11. months and on seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

We appoint Mary A. Gardner, J. Barclay Foster and John H. Foster a committee to prepare and publish the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of both men & women's meetings and the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond: the edition to be in such numbers as the committee may determine. The said committee are requested to distribute the same in their discretion and they are authorized to draw upon

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the necessary expenses of the Publication.

No other business offering we conclude forthwith to meet again at Westerly at the usual time in the 11. mo next unless sooner called together.

Signed by the Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 11. mo. 2. 1898: present 3 members.

The Committee appointed to print and distribute the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the epistles received; Report that they have attended to the duties assigned to them, by the printing and distribution of two hundred copies. We are also informed that the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting has paid the expense thereof.

Adjourned to the usual time in the 5. mo next.

Signed by the Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5. Mo 3d. 1899

Present 7 Members.

We appoint Charles Perry and J Barclay Foster a committee to make any necessary preparation for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting and to care for the entertainment of Friends, and they are at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for any expense incurred thereby.

Adjourned to meet again on Eighth day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

J Barclay Foster Clerk

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6 Mo. 10. 1899. Present 10 Members.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its Minds before the Yearly Meeting

No business appearing at this time we conclude to meet again at the rise of the Yearly Meeting, or as the Yearly Meeting may direct

J Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Wilmington after the close of the Yearly Meeting 6 mo. 14. 1895.

Present 15 Members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

From the Records of the Yearly Meeting. Third day of the week and 13th of the month.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and approved; and a proposition having been made that the same Friends be re-appointed to that service, with the exception of our dear friend Thomas Perry deceased, it was united with and they are appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, with the addition by the women meeting of Lydia Nichols and Susannah W. Sidley, which this meeting approves.

John W Foster Clerk.

The time for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed having expired, it is concluded to re-appoint J. Barclay Foster to that service for the year ensuing.

It is directed that our stated Meetings be held as follows, viz:

On fourth day preceding the Quarterly Meeting at Westerly in the 5th & 11th months, and on seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting, the hour to be [illegible] o'clock A.M.

We appoint J. Barclay Foster, John W. Foster and Mary A. Gardner a committee to prepare and publish the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings of both Men's and Women's Meetings. The number of copies to be at the discretion of the Committee, who are authorized to attend also to the distribution of the same. The said Committee are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expenses incurred.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time in the 11. mo next.

J. Barclay Foster Clerk

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 11. Mo. 1. 1899

Present Six Members.

The Committee appointed in the 8th month last to have the care of the printing and distribution of the minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the epistles received, report that they have attended to the duties entrusted to them, and have caused to be printed and distributed 500 copies. We are also informed that the expense thereof has been paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

This meeting has been brought under weight on account of the destitute condition of the Dunkhobor exiles in Canada; many of whom it is feared will suffer for want of food during the coming winter. It is therefore directed that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated from the funds of the Yearly Meeting ~~for~~ as a contribution towards their relief; and the appointment of S. Sidley and [illegible] to be a committee to attend to the forwarding said sum for that purpose; and they are also desired

to have the care of any other sums which may be contributed by individuals for the same purpose.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time in the 5. mo next.

[illegible]

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 5. mo 2. 1900

Present eight members.

The Committee appointed in the 11. mo last on account of the destitute condition of the Dunkhobor emigrants in Canada have made the following report which is acceptable to the meeting, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

To the Meeting for Sufferings,

The Committee appointed in the 11. mo last in connection with the relief of the Dunkhobor exiles from Russia who are now in Canada, Report herein; That they have from the subject since attending have sent forward to Wm Evans of Philadelphia Treasurer of the Dunkhobor relief fund, One Hundred Dollars from the funds of the Yearly Meeting. They have also obtained

and sent thirty dollars from individual contributors. It was found that most of our members who could contribute to this purpose had already done so and had forwarded through the same channel their respective contributions. These individual donations from within South Kingstown Monthly Meeting aggregate about $225 Those from Friends of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and others in that vicinity amount to about $75. and from the funds of that monthly Meeting $200.- making the sum of $600 thus reported. Other contributions for this worthy purpose from Friends of this Yearly Meeting have no doubt been made, an account of which we have not on hand at present.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
J. Barclay Foster

Yr. appoint John W. Foster and J. Barclay Foster a committee to make any necessary preparation for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting, and to

care for the entertainment of Friends who may attend; and they are at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for any expense thereby incurred.

Adjourned to meet on Seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6. Mo. 9. 1900,

Present ten Members.

The subject of the further aid for the Donkhobe emigrants has renewedly come before this meeting, and although under excuse on that account, yet as the time of appointment of this meeting has nearly expired, we can only recommend to our successors; to be soon appointed by the Yearly Meeting, that this important subject should have early and careful consideration.

The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing at this time we conclude our meetings for the current year and await the directions of the Yearly meeting as to further labors.

Barclay Foster Clerk

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At a Meeting for Sufferings held at [illegible]
10. Mo 3. 1900.

Present [illegible] members.

[illegible] on behalf of the Committee to [illegible] and distribute the minutes of the Yearly Meeting with the epistles received from other Codes of [illegible] reports; that they have attended to that service and have caused 500 copies to be printed, most of which have been distributed; and further that the bills for the same have been paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] on behalf of our Committee for the relief of the Dunkhobor [illegible] reports, that they have forwarded the sum appropriated at our last meeting, viz. $200, to William Evans Treas. of the general fund for that purpose at [illegible] and his letter of receipt for the same has been produced and read at this time.

[illegible] further reports that he has information from various sources [illegible] the industry and sobriety of the Dunkhobor emigrants which tends to show that our sympathy and assistance has been bestowed upon a [illegible] people. No further business being presented at this time we conclude, [illegible] to meet again in the 5. mo next at Westerly, unless sooner called together.

J. Barclay Foster Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly Fifth Month 1st 1901.

Present six members. Our dear friend J. Barclay Foster late Clerk of this Meeting having deceased it is concluded to appoint Charles Perry to that place.

We appoint George C. Foster, John W. Foster, and Charles Perry, a committee to make any necessary preparation for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting, and to care for the entertainment of Friends who may attend, and they are at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for any expenses thereby incurred.

Adjourned to meet on Seventh day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

Charles Perry Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly Sixth month 15th 1901.

Present thirteen members.

The block of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

As further business appearing at this time we conclude, and wait the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

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At a Meeting for Sufferings held [illegible] 17th [illegible] 1901. Present [illegible].

The [illegible] of this meeting was appointed having expired it is concluded to appoint [illegible] to that [illegible] ensuing year.

[illegible]

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at North Dartmouth 10th Mo. 2nd 1901.

Present 6 Members. - Mary A. Gardner and J. S. Dudley on behalf of the committee appointed to print and distribute the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting with the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings of Friends with whom we correspond report; that they have attended to that Service, and have caused 500 copies to be printed; nearly all of which have been distributed!

No further business being presented at this time we conclude proposing

to meet again in the Fifth Month next at Westerly.

Chas. E. Perry
Clerk.

At a meeting appointed held at Westerly 4th Month 30th 1902.

Present 6 members.

We appoint Chas. E. Perry and Geo. C. Foster a committee to make the necessary preparations for holding the approaching Yearly Meeting, and to care for the Guests of Friends, and they are at liberty to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for any expenses incurred thereby.

Adjourned to meet on the second day preceding the Yearly Meeting.

Chas. E. Perry Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly Sixth Month 14th 1902

Present twelve members.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to lay its records before the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing at this time we conclude, and await the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

Charles Perry Clerk.

At a meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly 6th Mo. 18th 1902 after the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Present 13 members.

We have received at this time the following extract from the records of the Yearly Meeting — viz.

"The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read at this time and approved, and it was concluded to appoint the following named Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, the Yearly Meeting concurring therein. viz —

Jesse Tucker — Anna H. Chace
James H. Tucker — Sarah F. Wilbur
Job S. Gidley — George C. Foster
George Foster — Charles Perry
Jonathan Chace — John T. Wilbur
Amos C. Foster — Geo. H. Gifford
Mary A. Gardner — Lydia F. Nichols
Susannah W. Gidley".

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired it is concluded to appoint Charles Perry to that service for the ensuing year.

We appoint Job S. Gidley, Mary A. Gardner, and Jesse Tucker a committee to prepare and publish 500 copies of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, together with the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings of both Friends and Women's meetings, and the letters addressed to the Yearly Meeting from individuals, and they are requested to attend to the distribution of the same.

The Committee is authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the Yearly

Meeting for any expenses incurred thereby.

It is directed that our stated Meetings for the ensuing year be held as follows:

On Fourth-day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 10th Month at North Dartmouth at 3 o'clock P. M., and at Westerly on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th Month, and on 7th day preceding the Yearly Meeting - both at 4 o'clock P. M. - Special Meetings may be held at such other times as they may be called for upon the request of any three Members.

No further business appearing at this time we conclude postponing to meet again in the 10th Month next at North Dartmouth.

Charles Perry Clerk